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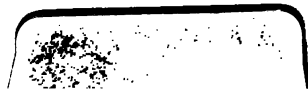
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COMPRISING THE COPYRIGHT RESOLUTION OF THE COLONIAL CONGRESS, 1783;
THE COPYRIGHT LAWS OF THE ORIGINAL STATES, 1783-1786; THE
CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION CONCERNING COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION,
AND THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COPYRIGHT LAWS ENACTED
BY CONGRESS FROM 1790 TO 1900; TOGETHER WITH
THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS REGARDING
INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

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REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS.

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,

Washington, May 9, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a compilation embodying the enactments relating to copyright from 1783 to 1900.

This compilation has been made by the Register of Copyrights in response to inquiries which can not now be answered without inconvenience and undue expense. His letter of explanation I append.

He recommends that it be put into print as Bulletin No. 3 of the Copyright Office.

A publication embodying the copyright law in force July, 1899, formed Bulletin No. 1, issued from that office, and was printed by order of Congress.

I approve the recommendation of the Register, and transmit the material for the consideration of Congress in accordance therewith, suggesting an edition of 5,000 for distribution from the Copyright Office.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PUTNAM,

Librarian of Congress.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,

COPYRIGHT OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 7, 1900.

SIR: I herewith transmit for printing a compilation of all the official United States enactments relating to copyright. This has been made in response to frequent expressions of the desirability of obtaining all the copyright laws in convenient form; and to make the compilation as complete as possible, there have been included the copyright acts of the original States, all public and private acts of Congress relating to copyright, and the Presidential proclamations putting in force the international copyright relations entered into by the Department of State, under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1891.

It has seemed desirable, in this edition, to print only the texts of the various documents, arranged in an orderly way, unencumbered with notes or other annotations.

Respectfully,

THORVALD SOLBERG,

Register of Copyrights.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Esq.,

Librarian of Congress.

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RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COLONIAL CONGRESS, RECOMMENDING
THE SEVERAL STATES TO SECURE TO THE AUTHORS OR PUBLISHERS
OF NEW BOOKS THE COPYRIGHT OF SUCH BOOKS. MAY 2, 1783.

COPYRIGHT IN CONGRESS.

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. 1
1783, Williamson, Mr. Izard and Mr. Madison, to whom
Friday, May 2. were referred sundry papers and memorials on the
subject of literary property.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several States, to secure 5
to the authors or publishers of any new books not hitherto printed,
being citizens of the United States, and to their executors, adminis-
trators and assigns, the copy right of such books for a certain time not
less than fourteen years from the first publication; and to secure to
the said authors, if they shall survive the term first mentioned, and to 10
their executors, administrators and assigns, the copy right of such
books for another term of time not less than fourteen years, such copy
or exclusive right of printing, publishing and vending the same, to be
secured to the original authors, or publishers, their executors, admin-
istrators and assigns, by such laws and under such restrictions as to the 15
several States may seem proper.

In "Journal of the United States in Congress assembled, Containing the Pro-
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gress. 8vo. Philadelphia, D. C. Claypoole, 1783, pp. 256-257.

Also printed in "Journals of the American Congress: from 1774 to 1788." Vol. 20
4, 8vo. Washington, Way & Gideon, 1823, p. 219.

II.

COPYRIGHT LAWS PASSED BY THE ORIGINAL STATES: 1783-1786.

CONNECTICUT.

AN ACT for the encouragement of literature and genius.

Whereas it is perfectly agreeable to the principles of
1783, natural equity and justice, that every author should be 25
Jan. Sess. secured in receiving the profits that may arise from the
sale of his works, and such security may encourage men of learning

1 and genius to publish their writings; which may do honor to their country, and service to mankind.

Be it enacted by the governor, council and representatives, in general court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the author
5 of any book or pamphlet not yet printed, or of any map or chart, being an inhabitant or resident in these United States, and his heirs and assigns, shall have the sole liberty of printing, publishing and vending the same within this State, for the term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of its first publication in this State. And if
10 any person or persons within the said term of fourteen years as aforesaid, shall presume to print or re-print any such book, pamphlet, map or chart within this State, or to import or introduce into this State for sale, any copies thereof, re-printed beyond the limits of this State, or shall knowingly publish, vend and utter, or distribute the same with-
15 out the consent of the proprietor thereof in writing, signed in the presence of two credible witnesses, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the proprietor of such book, pamphlet, map or chart double the value of all the copies thereof, so printed, imported, distributed, vended, or exposed for sale; to be recovered by such pro-
20 prietor in any court of law in this State, proper to try the same.

Provided nevertheless, That no author, assignee or proprietor of any such book, pamphlet, map or chart shall be entitled to take the benefit of this statute, until he shall duly register his name as author, assignee, or proprietor, with the title thereof, in the office of the secretary of
25 this State, who is hereby impowered and directed to enter the same on record.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the expiration of the said term of fourteen years, in the cases above mentioned, the sole right of printing and disposing of any such book,
30 pamphlet, map or chart in this State, shall return to the author thereof, if then living, and his heirs and assigns, for the term of fourteen years more, to commence at the end of said first term; and that all and every person or persons who shall re-print, import, vend, utter or distribute in this State, any copies thereof without the consent of such proprietor,
35 obtained as aforesaid, during said second term of fourteen years, shall be liable to the same penalties, recoverable in the same manner as is herein before enacted and provided.

And whereas it is equally necessary, for the encouragement of learning, that the inhabitants of this State be furnished with useful books,
40 &c., at reasonable prices:

Be it further enacted, That whenever any such author or proprietor of such book, pamphlet, map or chart, shall neglect to furnish the public with sufficient editions thereof, or shall sell the same at a price unreasonable, and beyond what may be adjudged a sufficient compen-
45 sation for his labour, time, expence, and risque of sale, the judge of the

superior court in this State, on complaint thereof made to him in 1
writing, is hereby authorized and empowered to summon such author
or proprietor to appear before the next superior court, to be holden
in that county where such author or proprietor dwells, if a resident
in this State, if not, in that county where such complainant dwells; 5
and said court are hereby authorized and empowered to enquire into
the justice of said complaint, and if the same be found true, to take
such sufficient recognizance and security of such author or proprietor,
conditioned that he shall within such reasonable time, as said court
shall direct, publish and offer for sale in this State, a sufficient number 10
of copies of such book, pamphlet, map, or chart, at such reasonable
price as said court shall, on due consideration affix: And if such author
or proprietor shall, before said court, neglect or refuse to give such
security as aforesaid, the said court are hereby authorized and empow-
ered to give such complainant, a full and ample licence to re-print 15
and publish such book, pamphlet, map or chart, in such numbers
and for such term as said court shall judge just and reasonable:
Provided said complainant shall give sufficient security before said
court, to afford said reprinted edition at such reasonable price as
said court shall thereto affix. 20

And be it further enacted, That any person or persons who shall
procure and print any unpublished manuscript, without the consent
and approbation of the author or proprietor thereof, first had and
obtained, (if such author or proprietor be living, and resident in, or
inhabitant of these United States) shall be liable to suffer and pay to 25
the said author or proprietor his just damages for such injury; to be
recovered by action brought on this statute, in any court of law in
this State, proper to try the same.

Provided always, That nothing in this act shall extend to affect,
prejudice or confirm the rights which any person may have to the 30
printing or publishing of any book, pamphlet, map or chart, at com-
mon law, in cases not mentioned in this act, or to screen from legal
punishment any person or persons who may be guilty of printing or
publishing any book, pamphlet or paper that may be prophane, trea-
sonable, defamatory, or injurious to government, morals or religion. 35

Provided also, That this act shall not extend, or be construed to
extend in favour, or for the benefit of any author or persons residing
in, or inhabitant of any other of the United States, until the State or
States, in which such person or persons reside or dwell, shall have
passed similar laws in favour of the authors of new publications, and 40
their heirs and assigns.

In "Acts and Laws of the State of Connecticut, in America [Compiled by
Roger Sherman and Richard Law]." fol. New-London, printed by Timothy
Green, 1784, pp. 133-134.

In "Acts and laws of Connecticut [by R. Sherman and R. Law." 2d issue.] 45
8vo. Hartford, E. Babcock, 1786, pp. 133-134.

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- 5 In "Acts and laws of the State of Connecticut." 8vo. Hartford, Hudson & Goodwin, 1805, pp. 282-284.
- In "The public statute law of the State of Connecticut. [Compiled by J. Treadwell, Enoch Perkins, and Thomas Day.]" Book 1, 8vo. Hartford, Hudson & Goodwin, 1808, pp. 474-476.

MASSACHUSETTS.

- 10 AN ACT for the purpose of securing to authors the exclusive right and benefit of publishing their literary productions, for twenty-one years.

1783,
March 17. Whereas the improvement of knowledge, the progress of civilization, the public weal of the community, and the advancement of human happiness, greatly depend on the efforts of learned and ingenious persons in the various arts and sciences: As the principal encouragement such persons can have to make great and beneficial exertions of this nature, must exist in the legal security of the fruits of their study and industry to themselves; and as such security is one of the natural rights of all men, there being no property more peculiarly a man's own than that which is produced by the labour of his mind:

Therefore, to encourage learned and ingenious persons to write useful books for the benefit of mankind:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all books, treatises, and other literary works, having the name or names of the author or authors thereof printed and published with the same, shall be the sole property of the said author or authors, being subjects of the United States of America, their heirs and assigns, for the full and complete term of twenty-one years, from the date of their first publication.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall print, re-print, publish, sell or expose to sale, or shall cause to be printed, re-printed, published, sold, or exposed to sale, any book, treatise, or other literary work, not yet printed, written by any subject of the United States of America, whose name, as author, shall have been thereto prefixed, without consent of the author or authors, or their assigns, during said term, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding *three thousand pounds*, nor less than *five pounds*, to the use of such author or authors, or their assigns; to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record proper to try the same. Provided always, that every author of such book, treatise, or other literary work shall, in order to his holding such sole property in them, present two printed copies of each and every of them to the library of the University of Cambridge, for the use of the said university; and prior to the recovery of the said forfeiture, or any part thereof, shall produce, in

open court where such action shall be tried, a receipt of such book, 1
treatise, or other literary work from the librarian of the said university
for the time being. Provided also, that this act shall not be construed
to extend in favor or for the benefit of any author or authors, subject
or subjects of any other of the United States, until the State or States 5
of which such authors are subjects shall have passed similar laws for
securing to authors the exclusive right and benefit of publishing their
literary productions.

(This act passed March 17, 1783. Chap. 26, of the "Acts and laws
passed by the great and general court or assembly of Massachusetts: 10
Begun and held at Boston, the 29th of May, A. D. 1782; and from
thence continued by adjournments to Wednesday, the 29th of January
following, and then met.")

In "Acts and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." fol. Boston,
B. Edes & Sons, 1781-['83], p. 236. 15

In "The perpetual laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1780 to 1789."
fol. Boston, Adams & Nourse, 1789, pp. 369-370.

In "The general laws of Massachusetts, from the adoption of the Constitution,
to 1822. By Asahel Stearns and Lemuel Shaw, commissioners; Theron Metcalf,
editor." Vol: 1, 8vo. Boston, 1823, pp. 80-81.

MARYLAND.

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AN ACT respecting literary property.

Whereas printers, booksellers, and other persons may
1783, take the liberty of printing, reprinting, and publishing,
April 21. or causing to be printed, reprinted, and published, books 25

and other writings, without the consent of the authors or proprietors
of such books and writings, to their great injury: For preventing
therefore such practices, and for the encouragement of learned men,

II. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the
author of any book or books, writing or writings, already composed 30
and not printed or published, or that shall be hereafter composed, and
his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall have the sole liberty of
printing and reprinting such book or books, writing or writings, for the
term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of the first publish-
ing of the same; and that if any other person whatsoever, within the 35
time granted and limited by this act as aforesaid, shall print, reprint
import or bring into the State, or cause to be printed, reprinted,
imported or brought into the State, any such book or books, writing
or writings, without the consent of the proprietor or proprietors
thereof first had and obtained in writing, signed in the presence of two 40
or more witnesses, or knowing the same to be so printed, reprinted,
imported or brought into the State, without the consent of the pro-
rietors, shall sell, publish, or expose to sale, any such book or books,
writing or writings, without such consent first had and obtained as
aforesaid, then such offender or offenders shall forfeit such book or 45

1 books, writing or writings, to the proprietor or proprietors; and
 further, that every such offender or offenders shall forfeit two-pence
 for every sheet which shall be found in his, her, or their custody,
 either printed or printing, published or exposed to sale, contrary to
 5 the true intent and meaning of this act.

III. And, whereas many persons may through ignorance offend against
 this act, unless some provision be made, whereby the property in every
 such book as is intended by this act to be secured to the proprietor
 or proprietors thereof may be ascertained: Therefore, be it enacted
 10 that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to sub-
 ject any person whatsoever to the forfeitures and penalties herein men-
 tioned, or by reason of the printing, reprinting, importing, bringing
 into the State, or causing to be brought into the State, selling or
 exposing to sale, of any book or books, writing or writings, without
 15 the consent of the proprietor or proprietors, unless the title to the copy
 of such book or books, writing or writings, hereafter published, shall,
 before such publication by the proprietor or proprietors, be entered
 into a register, to be kept by the clerk of the general court for that
 purpose; which register may, at all reasonable and convenient times,
 20 be resorted to and inspected by any person, for the purpose before
 mentioned, without any fee or reward; and the clerk aforesaid, when
 and as often as thereunto required, shall give a certificate under his
 hand of such entry or entries, and for every such certificate may take
 and receive a fee of three shillings and nine-pence.

25 IV. *And be it enacted*, That all actions or informations for any
 offence that shall be committed against this act, shall be brought and
 commenced within twelve months after such offence committed, or the
 same shall be void and of none effect.

V. *Provided always*, That after the expiration of the aforesaid term
 30 of fourteen years, the sole right of printing or disposing of copies shall
 return to the authors thereof, if they are then living, for another term
 of fourteen years.

VI. This act to commence and be in force from and after the time
 that similar laws shall be passed respecting literary property in all
 35 and every of the United States.

In "Laws of Maryland, made and passed, at a session of assembly, begun and
 held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the 21st of April, 1783." fol. Annap-
 olis, F. Green, printer to the State [1783], chapter 34.

[The pages are not numbered.]

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NEW JERSEY.

AN ACT for the promotion and encouragement of literature.

Whereas learning tends to the embellishment of human
 1783, nature, the honour of the nation, and the general good of
 May 27. mankind; and as it is perfectly agreeable to the princi-
 45 *ples of equity*, that men of learning who devote their time and talents

to the preparing treatises for publication, should have the profits that 1
may arise from the sale of their works secured to them: Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the council and general assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the author of any book or pamphlet not yet printed, being an inhabitant 5
or resident in the United States of America, and his heirs and assigns, shall have the exclusive right of printing, publishing, and vending the same within this State for the term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of its first publication in this State; and if any person or persons within said term of fourteen years, as aforesaid, shall pre- 10
sume to print any such book or pamphlet within this State, or to introduce into this State for sale any copies of such book or pamphlet printed beyond the limits of this State, or shall knowingly publish, vend, utter, or distribute the same without the consent of the author or proprietor thereof in writing, duly attested, every such person or 15
persons shall forfeit and pay to the author or proprietor of such book or pamphlet double the value of all the copies of such book or pamphlet so printed, introduced, distributed, vended, or exposed for sale, to be recovered by such author or proprietor in any court of this State where the same may be cognizable: *Provided, nevertheless,* That 20
no author, assignee, or proprietor of any such book or pamphlet shall be entitled to the benefit of this act until he shall duly register his name as author, assignee, or proprietor, with the title of such book or pamphlet in the secretary's office of this State, who is hereby required to enter the same on record. 25

2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at the expiration of said term of fourteen years, in the cases herein before mentioned, the exclusive right of printing and disposing of any such book or pamphlet in this State, shall return to the author thereof, if then living, his heirs and assigns, for the term of fourteen years more; 30
and that all and every person or persons who shall re-print, import, vend, utter, or distribute in this State any copies thereof without the consent of such author or proprietor obtained as aforesaid, during said second term of fourteen years, shall be liable to the same penalties, to be recovered in the same manner as is herein before directed. 35

Passed at Burlington, May 27, 1783.

(This act was repealed 23d session, 3d sitting, 1799.)

Taken from "Acts of the seventh general assembly of the State of New Jersey, at a session begun at Trenton, on the 22d day of October, 1782, and continued by adjournments, being the second sitting." fol. Trenton, printed by Isaac 40
Collins, Printer to the State, 1783. Chapter 21, p. 47.

Also printed in "Acts of the general assembly of the State of New Jersey, from the establishment of the present government to December, 1783. Compiled by Peter Wilson." fol. Trenton, Isaac Collins, 1784, pp. 325-326.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

AN ACT for the encouragement of literature and genius, and for securing to authors the exclusive right and benefit of publishing their literary productions, for twenty years.

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1783,
Nov. 7.

As the improvement of knowledge, the progress of civilization, and the advancement of human happiness, greatly depend on the efforts of ingenious persons in the various arts and sciences; as the principal encouragement such persons can have to make great and beneficial exertions of this nature, must consist in the legal security of the fruits of their study and industry to themselves; and as such security is one of the natural rights of all men, there being no property more peculiarly a man's own than that which is produced by the labour of his mind: Therefore, to encourage the publication of literary productions, honorary and beneficial to the public,

Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives in general assembly convened, and by the authority of the same, That all books, treatises, and other literary works, having the name or names of the author or authors thereof, printed and published with the same, shall be the sole property of the said author or authors, being subjects of the United States of America, their heirs and assigns, for the full and complete term of twenty years from the date of their first publication.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall print, re-print, publish, sell, or expose to sale; or shall cause to be printed, re-printed, published, sold, or exposed to sale, any book, treatise, or other literary work, not yet printed, written by any subject of the United States of America whose name as author shall have been thereto prefixed without the consent of the author or authors, or their assigns, during said term, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds nor less than five pounds, to the use of such author or authors, or their assigns; to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record proper to try the same.

Provided always, That this act shall not be construed to extend in favour, or for the benefit of any author or authors, subject or subjects of any other of the United States, until the State or States of which such authors are subjects shall have passed similar laws for securing to authors the exclusive right and benefit of publishing their literary productions.

(This Act was included in the list of acts repealed, contained in title 30, chap. 230, of "The Revised Statutes, passed December 23, 1842," pp. 475-477.)

In "The Perpetual Laws of the State of New-Hampshire, from July, 1776, to the session in December, 1788, continued into 1789." 8vo. Portsmouth, J. Melcher, 1789, pp. 161-162.

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In "The laws of the State of New-Hampshire." 8vo. Portsmouth, J. Melcher, 1792, pp. 277-278.

In "The laws of New-Hampshire." 8vo. Portsmouth, J. Melcher, 1797, 1
pp. 308-309.

In "Constitution and laws of the State of New-Hampshire." 8vo. Dover,
S. Bragg, jr., 1805, pp. 294-295.

In "The laws of New-Hampshire." 8vo. Exeter, C. Norris & Co., 1815, 5
pp. 365-366.

In "The laws of New-Hampshire." 8vo. Hopkinton, I. Long, jr., 1830,
pp. 174-175.

RHODE ISLAND.

AN ACT for the purpose of securing to authors the exclusive right and benefit of 10
publishing their literary productions, for twenty-one years.

1783,
Dec. sess. Whereas the improvement of knowledge, the progress
of civilization, the public weal of the community, and the
advancement of human happiness, greatly depend on the
efforts of learned and ingenious persons, in the various arts and 15
sciences; as the principal encouragement such persons can have to
make great and beneficial exertions of this nature, must exist in the
legal security of the fruits of their study and industry to themselves;
and as such security is the natural right of all men, there being no
property more peculiarly a man's own than that which is produced 20
by the labour of his mind;

*Be it therefore enacted by this general assembly, and by the authority
thereof it is enacted,* That all books, treatises, and other literary pro-
ductions, having the name of the author or authors thereof published
and printed with the same, shall be the sole property of such author 25
or authors, being citizens of the United States of America, their heirs
and assigns, for the full and complete term of twenty-one years from
the date of the publication.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any
person or persons shall print, reprint, publish, sell, or expose to sale, 30
or shall cause to be printed, reprinted, published, sold, or exposed to
sale, any book, treatise, or other literary production, not yet printed,
written by any citizen or citizens of the United States of America,
whose name or names, as author or authors, shall be thereto prefixed,
without the consent of the author or authors, or their assigns, during 35
the said term of twenty-one years, shall forfeit and pay a sum not
exceeding three thousand pounds, lawful money, nor less than five
pounds, to the use of such author or authors, or their assigns, to be
recovered by action of debt, in any court of record proper to try the
same. 40

Provided nevertheless, and it is further enacted, That this act shall
not be construed to extend to the favour or benefit of any author or
authors, being a citizen or citizens of any other of the said United
States, until the State whereof he or they are citizen or citizens
shall pass similar laws for securing to authors the exclusive right 45
and benefit of publishing their literary productions.

- 1 Printed in "December, 1783. At the general assembly of the governor and company of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations, begun and holden at East-Greenwich on the 4th Monday of December, 1783." fol. [Providence, printed by J. Carter, 1783,] pp. 6-7.

5 PENNSYLVANIA.

AN ACT for the encouragement and promotion of learning by vesting a right to the copies of printed books in the authors or purchasers of such copies, during the time therein mentioned.

- 10 ^{1784,}
March 15. SEC. I. Whereas the honorable the Congress of the United States, by their resolution of the second day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, have recommended to the several States to secure to the authors or publishers of any new books not hitherto printed, being citizens of the United States, and to their executors, administrators, and assigns, the copy
15 right of such books for a certain time.

- SEC. II. And whereas printers, booksellers, and other persons have heretofore frequently taken the liberty of printing, reprinting, and publishing, or causing to be reprinted and published books and other writings without the consent of the author or proprietors of such books
20 and writings, to their very great detriment and the damage of their families; for preventing, therefore, such practice for the future, and for the encouragement of learned men to compose and write useful books; and in order to give all due force to the recommendations of Congress:

- 25 SEC. III. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passing of this act, the author of any book or pamphlet not yet printed, being a citizen of the United States of America, and his heirs
30 and assigns, shall have the exclusive right of printing, publishing, and vending the same within this State for the term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of its first printing or publication in this State; and if any person or persons within the term of fourteen years as aforesaid, shall presume to print, publish, vend, or distribute any
35 such book or pamphlet within this State; or to introduce into this State for sale any copies of such book or pamphlet, printed beyond the limits of this State, without the consent of the author or proprietor thereof first lawfully obtained, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the author or proprietor of such book or pamphlet double the
40 value of all the copies of such book or pamphlet so printed, published, vended, distributed or introduced for sale, to be recovered by such author or proprietor in any court of this State where the same may be cognizable; or, if under the value of five pounds, before any two justices of the county where such offense is committed;

- 45 SEC. IV. *Provided nevertheless,* That no author, assignee, or pro-

prietor of any such book or pamphlet shall be entitled to the benefit 1
of this act, until he shall duly register his name as author, assignee, or
proprietor, with the title of such book or pamphlet, in the prothono-
tary's office in the city of Philadelphia, who is hereby required to
enter the same on record, for which he shall receive five shillings and 5
no more.

SEC. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That
at the expiration of the aforesaid term of fourteen years in the cases
herein before mentioned, the exclusive right of printing and disposing
of any such book or pamphlet in this State, shall return to the author 10
thereof, if then living, his heirs and assigns, for the term of fourteen
years more; and that all and every person or persons who shall reprint,
publish, vend, distribute, or import within this State any copies thereof
without the consent of such author or proprietor obtained as afore-
said, during said second term of fourteen years, shall be liable to the 15
same penalties, to be recovered in the same manner as is herein before
directed.

SEC. VI. *And provided also,* That no author or proprietor of any
book or pamphlet shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless he
shall insert on the back of the title page a copy of the certificate of 20
entry obtained of the prothonotary aforesaid, which the said prothono-
tary is hereby required to grant without any further regard.

SEC. VII. *Provided nevertheless,* That this act shall not take place
until such time as all and every of the States in the Union shall have
passed laws similar to the same, in conformity to the recommendation 25
of Congress aforesaid.

Signed by order of the House,

GEORGE GRAY, *Speaker.*

Enacted into a law at Philadelphia, on Monday the fifteenth day of
March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and 30
eighty-four.

PETER Z. LLOYD,

Clerk of the General Assembly.

In "Laws enacted in the second sitting of the eighth general assembly of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which commenced the 13th day of Jan., 1784." 35
fol. [Philadelphia, T. Bradford, 1784], pp. 306-308, Chapter 125.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

AN ACT for the encouragement of arts and sciences.

1784,
March 26. *Be it enacted by the honorable the senate and house of
representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly, 40
and by the authority of the same,* That from and after the
first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, the
author of any book or books already printed, who hath not transferred
to any other the copy or copies of such book or books, share or shares

1 thereof, or the bookseller or booksellers, printer or printers, or other
person or persons, who hath or have purchased or acquired the copy
or copies of any book or books, in order to print or re-print the same,
shall have the sole right and liberty of printing such book and books,
5 for the term of fourteen years, to commence from the said first day of
January, and no longer; and that the author of any book or books
already composed, and not printed and published, or that shall here-
after be composed, and his assignee or assigns, shall have the sole
liberty of printing and re-printing such book or books for the said
10 term of fourteen years, to commence from the day of first publishing
the same, and no longer; and that if any other bookseller, printer or
any other person whatsoever, from and after the first day of January,
one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, within the times granted
and limited by this act as aforesaid, shall print, re-print, or import, or
15 cause to be printed, re-printed, or imported, any such book or books,
without the consent of the proprietor or proprietors thereof, first had
and obtained in writing, signed in the presence of two or more credi-
ble witnesses; or knowing the same to be so printed or re-printed,
without the consent of the proprietors, shall sell, publish, or expose to
20 sale, or cause to [be] sold, published, or exposed to sale, any such book
or books, without such consent first had and obtained as aforesaid;
then such offender or offenders shall forfeit such book or books, and
all and every sheet or sheets, being part of such book or books, to the
proprietor or proprietors of the copy thereof, who shall forthwith
25 damask and make waste paper of them; and further, that every
such offender or offenders shall forfeit one shilling for every sheet
which shall be found in his, her, or their custody, either printed or
printing, published or exposed to sale, contrary to the true intent and
meaning of this act; the one moiety thereof to the State, and the other
30 moiety thereof to any person or persons that shall sue for the same,
to be recovered in any court of record of the said State, by action of
debt, bill, plaint or information, in which no wager of law, essoign,
privilege or protection, or more than one imparlance, shall be allowed.

And whereas many persons may, through ignorance, offend against
35 this act, unless some provision be made whereby the property in every
such book, as is intended by this act to be secured to the proprietor or
proprietors thereof, may be ascertained, as likewise the consent of
such proprietor or proprietors for the printing or re-printing of such
book or books may from time to time be known;

40 *Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That noth-*
ing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to subject any
bookseller, printer, or other person whatsoever, to the forfeitures or
penalties therein mentioned, for or by reason of the printing or re-print-
ing of any book or books, without such consent as aforesaid, unless the
45 *title to the copy of such book or books hereafter published, shall, before*

such publication, be entered in a register book provided for that purpose by the secretary of the State, which register book shall at all times be kept at the secretary's office; and unless such consent of the proprietor or proprietors be in like manner entered as aforesaid, for every one of which several entries four shillings and eight pence sterling shall be paid, and no more; which said register book may, at all office hours, be resorted to, and inspected, by any bookseller, printer, or other person, for the purposes before mentioned, without any fee or reward; and the secretary shall, when and as often as thereunto required, give a certificate under his hand of such entry or entries, and for every such certificate may take a fee not exceeding two shillings and four pence. *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained do extend, or shall be construed to extend, to prohibit the importation, vending, or selling of any book in Greek, Latin, or any other foreign language, printed beyond the seas; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever any such author or proprietor of such book or pamphlet shall neglect to furnish the public with sufficient editions thereof, or shall sell the same at a price unreasonable, and beyond what may be adjudged a sufficient compensation for his labour, time, expences, and risque of sale, the judges of the court of common pleas in this State, on complaint made thereof to them in writing, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to summon such author, or proprietor, to appear before the next court of common pleas to be holden in the district where such author, or proprietor, dwells, if a resident in this State; if not, in the district where such complainant resides; and the said court are hereby authorized and required to enquire into the justice of the said complaint; and, if the same be found true, to take sufficient recognizance and security of such author, or proprietor, conditioned that he shall, within such reasonable time as the said court shall direct, publish, and offer for sale in this State, a sufficient number of copies of such book or pamphlet, at such reasonable price as the said court shall, on due consideration, affix; and if such author, or proprietor, shall, before said court, neglect or refuse to give such security as aforesaid, the said court are hereby authorized and empowered to give to such complainant a full and ample licence to reprint and publish such book or pamphlet, in such number and for such term as said court shall judge just and reasonable, provided such complainant shall give sufficient security before such court, to afford such re-printed edition at such reasonable price as the said court shall thereto affix.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inventors of useful machines shall have a like exclusive privilege of making or vending their machines for the like term of fourteen years, under the same privileges and restrictions hereby granted to, and imposed on, the authors of books.

- 1 *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any action or suit shall be commenced or brought against any person or persons whatsoever, for doing, or causing to be done, anything in pursuance of this act, the defendants in such case may plead the gen-
5 eral issue, and give the special matter in evidence; and if, upon such action, a verdict be given for the defendant, or the plaintiff become nonsuited, or discontinue his action, then the defendant shall have and recover his full costs, for which he shall have the same remedy as a defendant in any case by law hath.
- 10 *Provided nevertheless,* That all actions, suits, bills, indictments, or informations, for any offence that shall be committed against this act, shall be brought, sued, and commenced, within three months next after such offence committed, or else the same shall be void and of none effect.
- 15 *Provided always,* That after the expiration of the said term of fourteen years, the sole right of printing, or disposing of copies, shall return to the authors thereof, if they are then living, for another term of fourteen years.

In the senate-house, the 26th day of March, 1784, and in the eighth
20 year of the independence of the United States of America.

JOHN LLOYD,
President of the Senate.

HUGH RUTLEDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- 25 In "Acts, Ordinances, and Resolves of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, passed in the year 1784." 4to. Charleston, printed by J. Miller, 1784, pp. 49-51.

VIRGINIA.

- AN ACT securing to the authors of literary works an exclusive property therein for
30 a limited time.

- 1785,
October. SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That the author of any book or pamphlet already printed, being a citizen of any one of the United States, who has not transferred to any other person or persons the copy or copies of
35 any such book or pamphlet, share or shares thereof, his heirs and assigns, or the person or persons who have purchased or acquired such copy or copies, share or shares, in order to print or re-print the same, his heirs and assigns shall have the exclusive right of printing and re-printing such book or pamphlet, within this Commonwealth, for
40 the term of twenty-one years, to be computed from the first publication thereof; and that the author of any book or pamphlet already composed and not printed or published, or that shall hereafter be composed, being a citizen, as aforesaid, his heirs and assigns shall have the exclusive right of printing and re-printing such book or pamphlet, within

this Commonwealth, for the like term of twenty-one years, to be com- 1
 puted from the first publication thereof. And if any person or per-
 sons whatsoever, shall print, re-print, or cause to be printed, or
 re-printed, within this Commonwealth, any such book or pamphlet;
 or shall import into this Commonwealth, from any foreign Kingdom 5
 or State, any printed or re-printed copies of such book or pamphlet;
 without the consent of the author or proprietor thereof first obtained
 in writing, signed in presence of two credible witnesses at least; or
 who, knowing the same to be so printed, re-printed, or imported, with-
 out such consent first had and obtained, shall publish, sell, or expose 10
 to sale, or cause to be published, sold, or exposed to sale, any copy or
 copies of any such book or pamphlet; the person or persons offending
 herein, shall forfeit to the party injured, double the value of all the
 copies so printed, re-printed, or imported; or so published, sold, or
 exposed to sale; to be recovered at the suit of such party, in any court 15
 of record within this Commonwealth.

SEC. II. *Provided nevertheless*, That no person shall be entitled to
 the benefit of this act, until he shall have registered the title of such
 book or pamphlet with the clerk of the council, and procured a cer-
 tificate of such registry from the said clerk; which certificate the 20
 clerk is hereby required to give, taking only three shillings for his
 trouble.

In "Acts passed at a General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 Begun and held in Richmond, on the 17th day of October, 1785." fol. Richmond,
 printed by J. Dunlap & James Hayes [1785], pp. 8-9. 25

In "The Statutes at large; being a collection of all the laws of Virginia, from
 1619, by William Waller Hening." Vol. 12, 8vo. Richmond, 1823, pp. 30-31.

NORTH CAROLINA.

At a general assembly, begun and held at Newbern, on the 19th day
 of November, in the year of our Lord 1785: Being the first session of 30
 this assembly. Chapter 26.

AN ACT for securing literary property.

Whereas nothing is more strictly a man's own than the
 1785, fruit of his study, and it is proper that men should be
 November 19. encouraged to pursue useful knowledge by the hope of 35
 reward; and as the security of literary property must greatly tend to
 encourage genius, to promote useful discoveries, and to the general
 extension of arts and commerce:

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of North Caro-
 lina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the 40
 author of any book, map or chart, not hitherto printed, who is a citi-
 zen of the United States, and his heirs and assigns, shall have the sole
 liberty of printing, publishing, and vending the same within this State
 for the term of fourteen years, to commence on the day of its publi-

1 cation; and if any person or persons within the said term of fourteen
years, shall presume to print, reprint, or publish any such book, map
or chart within this State, or shall import any copy or copies of the
same, which have been reprinted beyond the limits of the State, and
5 shall knowingly publish, distribute, or vend the same without the con-
sent of the author or proprietor, in writing, signed in the presence of
two credible witnesses, such offender or offenders shall forfeit to the
proprietor all the books, maps or charts thus printed, reprinted,
imported, published, or offered for sale, together with double the
10 value of the articles so imported; one moiety of which money shall go
to the State, the other moiety to him who shall sue for the same for
the benefit of the party injured, in any court of record within this
State. *Provided nevertheless*, That no author or proprietor of any such
book, map or chart, shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, unless
15 he shall, before publication, duly enter his name as author or proprietor,
together with the title of the book, map or chart to be published, in
the office of the secretary of the State, who is hereby directed to enter
the same on record; nor unless he shall, before publication, have deliv-
ered to the secretary of the State one copy of such book, map or chart
20 for the use of the executive of the State; of which entry and for which
copy the secretary is hereby required to give him a certificate and
receipt.

II. *And be it further enacted*, If the author or publisher of any book
as aforesaid, shall set an unreasonable price on the same, regard being
25 had to the probable labour, expence, and risk of such author and pub-
lisher, the judges of the supreme court, on complaint thereof made in
writing by two or more persons, are hereby authorized and empowered
to summons such author or publisher to appear before next supreme
court, to be holden in that county or district where such author or
30 publisher usually resides; and said court shall enquire into the justice
of the complaint, and if the same, on full examination, shall appear to
be well founded, they shall correct or settle the price; and if said
author or publisher after such price is fixed by the court, shall sell
any book at a higher rate, he shall for every offence forfeit twenty
35 Spanish milled dollars, one moiety to the State and the other moiety
to the person who shall sue for the same.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That every author who is a citizen in
any of the United States, and whose work shall originally be published
in any of the United States where laws similar to this are or may be
40 passed for the security of literary property, or his assigns, being also
citizens of the United States, shall be entitled to the benefit of this act
and none others. *Provided always*, That nothing contained in this act
shall be construed to prevent any person from reprinting any book,
map or chart that has been published; or from importing, reprinting,
45 or publishing any book, map or chart that shall be originally pub-

lished in any other country; nor shall anything in this act be construed 1
to encourage or protect any authors or publishers of books, maps or
charts which may be dangerous to civil liberty, or to the peace or
morals of society.

In "Laws of the State of North-Carolina. Published, according to Act 5
of Assembly, by James Iredell." fol. Edenton, Hodge & Wills, 1791, pp.
563-564.

GEORGIA.

AN ACT for the encouragement of literature and genius.

Whereas the principles of natural equity and justice, 10
1786,
Feb. 3. require that every author should be secured in receiving
the profits that may arise from the sale of his works, and
such security may encourage men of learning and genius to publish
their writings, which may do honor to their country, and service to
mankind: 15

*Be it enacted by the representatives of the freemen of the State of
Georgia, in general assembly met, and by the authority of the same,*
That the author of any book or pamphlet not yet printed, or of any
map or chart, being an inhabitant or resident in these United States,
and his heirs and assigns, shall have the sole liberty of printing, pub- 20
lishing, and vending the same, within this State, for the term of four-
teen years, to commence from the day of its first publication in this
State: And if any person or persons, within said term of fourteen
years, shall presume to print or re-print any such book, pamphlet, map
or chart, within this State, or to import or introduce into this State for 25
sale, any copies thereof, re-printed beyond the limits of this State, or
shall knowingly publish, vend, and utter or distribute the same, with-
out the consent of the proprietor thereof in writing, signed in the
presence of two credible witnesses, every such person or persons shall
forfeit and pay to the proprietor of such book, pamphlet, map or 30
chart, double the value of all the copies thereof so printed, imported,
distributed, vended, or exposed for sale, to be recovered by such pro-
prietor in due course of law: *Provided nevertheless,* That no author,
assignee, or proprietor, of any such book, pamphlet, map or chart
shall be entitled to take the benefit of this statute, until he shall duly 35
register his name as author, assignee, or proprietor, with the title
thereof, in the office of the Secretary of the State, who is hereby
empowered and directed to enter the same on record.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at the
expiration of the said term of fourteen years in the cases above men- 40
tioned, the sole right of printing and disposing of any such book,
pamphlet, map or chart in this State, shall return to the author thereof,
if then living, and his heirs and assigns, for the term of fourteen
years more, to commence at the end of the said first term: And that all

1 and every person or persons who shall re-print, import, vend, utter, or
distribute in this State, any copies thereof without the consent of
such proprietor obtained as aforesaid during the said second term of
fourteen years shall be liable to the same penalties, recoverable in the
5 same manner as is herein before enacted and provided.

III. *And whereas* it is equally necessary for the encouragement of
learning, that the inhabitants of this State be furnished with useful
books, &c., at reasonable prices: *Be it further enacted*, That whenever
any such author or proprietor of such book, pamphlet, map or chart
10 shall neglect to furnish the public with sufficient editions thereof, or
shall sell the same at a price unreasonable, and beyond what may be
adjudged a sufficient compensation for his labor, time, expense, and
risk of sale, the chief justice of the State, on complaint thereof made
to him in writing, is hereby authorized and empowered to summon
15 such author or proprietor to appear before the next superior court to
be holden in the county where such author or proprietor dwells, if a
resident of this State, if not, in the county where such complainant
dwells, and said court is hereby authorized and empowered to enquire
into the justice of such complaint, and if the same be found true to
20 take sufficient security of such author or proprietor conditioned that
he shall, within such reasonable time as the said court shall direct, pub-
lish and offer for sale, in this State, a sufficient number of copies of such
book, pamphlet, map or chart, at such reasonable price as said court
shall, on due consideration affix; and if such author or proprietor
25 shall, before said court, neglect or refuse to give such security as
aforesaid, the said court is hereby authorized and empowered to give
to such complainant a full and ample licence to re-print and publish
such book, pamphlet, map or chart in such numbers and for such
term as said court shall judge just and reasonable: *Provided*, said com-
30 plainant shall give sufficient security before said court to afford said
re-printed edition at such reasonable price as said court shall thereto
affix.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons who shall
procure and print any unpublished manuscript, without the consent and
35 approbation of the author or proprietor thereof first had and obtained,
if such author or proprietor be living and resident in, or inhabitant of
this or any other of the United States, shall be liable to suffer and pay
to the said author or proprietor his just damage for such injury, to be
recovered by action brought on this statute in any court of law in this
40 State proper to try the same: *Provided always*, That nothing in this
act shall extend to affect, prejudice, or confirm the rights which any
person may have to the printing or publishing of any book, pamphlet,
map or chart at common law, in cases not mentioned in this act, or
to screen from legal punishment any person or persons who may be
45 *guilty of printing or publishing* any book, pamphlet, or paper that

may be prophane, treasonable, defamatory, or injurious to govern- 1
ment, morals, or religion: *Provided also*, That this act shall not extend,
or be construed to extend, in favor or for the benefit of any author or
person residing in or inhabitant of any other of the United States
until the State or States in which such person or persons reside or 5
dwell, shall have passed similar laws in favor of the authors of new
publications, and their heirs and assigns.

WILLIAM GIBBONS, *Speaker*.

AUGUSTA, *February 3, 1786*.

In "A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia. From its first establishment 10
as a British province down to the year 1798, inclusive. By Robert and George
Watkins." 4to. Philadelphia, R. Aitken, 1800, pp. 323-325.

In "Digest of the Laws of Georgia, from 1755 to 1800. By Horatio Marbury
& William H. Crawford." 4to. Savannah, Seymour, Woolhopter & Stebbins,
1802, pp. 342-343. 15

NEW YORK.

AN ACT to promote literature.

1786,
April 29.

Whereas it is agreeable to the principles of natural
equity and justice that every author should be secured in
receiving the profits that may arise from the sale of his or 20
her works; and such security may encourage persons of learning and
genius to publish their writings, which may do honour to their country
and service to mankind:

I. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented
in senate and assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the* 25
same, That the author of any book or pamphlet, being an inhabitant
or resident in these United States, and his or her heirs and assigns,
shall have the sole liberty of printing, publishing, and vending the
same within this State, for the term of fourteen years, to commence
from the day of its first publication in this State; and if any person or 30
persons within the said term of fourteen years as aforesaid, shall pre-
sume to print or re-print any such book or pamphlet within this State,
or to import or introduce into this State for sale, any copies of such
book or pamphlet, reprinted beyond the limits of this State, or shall
knowingly publish, vend, utter, or distribute the same, without the 35
consent of the proprietor thereof in writing, signed in the presence of
two credible witnesses, every such person or persons shall forfeit and
pay to the proprietor of such book or pamphlet, double the value of
all the copies of such book or pamphlet so re-printed, imported, dis-
tributed, vended, or exposed to sale, to be recovered by such proprie- 40
tor in any court of law in this State, proper to try the same. *Provided
nevertheless*, that no author, assignee, or proprietor of such book or
pamphlet, shall be entitled to take the benefit of this act, until he or
she shall duly register his or her name, as author, assignee, or pro-

1. prietor, with the title of such book or pamphlet in the office of the Secretary of this State, who is hereby empowered and directed to enter the same on record.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at 5 the expiration of the said term of fourteen years, in the cases above mentioned, the sole right of printing and disposing of any such book or pamphlet in this State, shall return to the author thereof, if then living, and his or her heirs or assigns, for the term of fourteen years more, to commence at the end of the said first term, and that all and 10 every person or persons who shall re-print, import, vend, utter, or distribute in this State any copies thereof, without the consent of such proprietor obtained as aforesaid, during the said second term of fourteen years, shall be liable to the same penalties, recoverable in the same manner as is herein before enacted and provided.

15 *And whereas* it is equally necessary for the encouragement of learning, that the inhabitants of this State be furnished with useful books at reasonable prices:

III. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever any such author or proprietor of such book or pamphlet shall neglect 20 to furnish the public with sufficient editions thereof, or shall sell the same at a price unreasonable, and beyond what may be adjudged a sufficient compensation for his or her labour, time, expences, and risque of sale, any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature of this State, on complaint made thereof to him in writing, is hereby authorized and empowered to summon such author or proprietor to appear 25 at the next supreme court of judicature, and the said court are hereby authorized and empowered to enquire into the justice of the said complaint, and if the same be found true, to take sufficient recognizance and security of such author or proprietor, conditioned that he or she 30 shall, within such reasonable time as the court shall direct, publish and offer for sale in this State, a sufficient number of copies of such book or pamphlet, at such reasonable price as the said court shall on due consideration affix, and if such author or proprietor shall neglect or refuse to give such security as aforesaid, the said court are hereby 35 authorized and empowered to give such complainant a full and ample licence to re-print and publish such book or pamphlet in such numbers and for such term as the said court shall judge just and reasonable: *Provided,* Such complainant shall give sufficient security before the said court to afford such re-printed edition at such reasonable price as 40 the said court shall thereto affix.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person or persons who shall procure and print any unpublished manuscript, without the consent and approbation of the author or proprietor thereof first had and obtained, if such author or proprietor be 45 *living and resident in, or inhabitant of these United States,* shall be

liable to pay to the said author or proprietor his or her damages for 1
 such injury, to be recovered with costs, by action brought on this act
 in any court of record. *Provided always*, that nothing in this act shall
 extend to effect, prejudice, or confirm the rights which any person
 may have to the printing or publishing of any book, or pamphlet, at 5
 common law, in cases not mentioned in this act; or to authorize any
 person or persons to print or publish any book, pamphlet, or paper
 that may be profane, treasonable, defamatory, or injurious to govern-
 ment, morals, or religion. *Provided also*, that this act shall not
 extend or be construed to extend in favour or for the benefit of any 10
 author or person residing in, or inhabitant of any other of the United
 States until the State in which such person resides or dwells shall have
 passed similar laws in favor of the authors of such new publications
 and their heirs and assigns.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the 15
 trustees of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of Flat Bush, in
 the county of Kings, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to
 grant, bargain, and sell, in fee simple, such part or parts of their real
 estate within the said county, to such person or persons, and for such
 price or prices as they may think proper, for the express purpose of 20
 erecting an academy in the said county. *Provided*, That the quan-
 tity which the said trustees shall grant and convey by virtue of this
 act shall not exceed six acres.

In "Laws of the State of New-York, passed by the legislature of said State at
 their ninth session." fol. New York, printed by Samuel and John London, 25
 1786, pp. 99-100.

Also in "Laws of the State of New York, comprising the constitution and the
 acts of the legislature since the Revolution, from the first to the twelfth session,
 inclusive. [By Samuel Jones and Richard Varick.]" v.1. fol. New York,
 H. Gaine, 1789, pp. 320-322. 30

Also to be found in "Laws of the State of New-York, comprising the constitu-
 tion and the acts of the legislature since the Revolution, from the first to the
 twentieth, inclusive. [By Thomas Greenleaf.]" 2d. ed., v.1. 8°. New-York,
 T. Greenleaf, 1798, pp. 274-275.

DELAWARE.

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No copyright law seems to have been enacted by the State of Dela-
 ware.

III.

PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AS TO THE COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 17, 1787.

ARTICLE I, SEC. 8. The Congress shall have power:

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To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for
 limited times, to authors and inventors, the exclusive right to their
 respective writings and discoveries.

IV.

1 PUBLIC ACTS RELATING TO COPYRIGHT PASSED BY THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES, 1790-1900.ORIGINAL COPYRIGHT ACT. (FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION,
CHAPTER 15.)

5 AN ACT for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts,
and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein
mentioned.

1790,
May 31. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States of America in Con-
gress assembled,* That from and after the passing of this
10 act, the author and authors of any map, chart, book or books already
printed within these United States, being a citizen or citizens thereof,
or resident within the same, his or their executors, administrators or
assigns, who hath or have not transferred to any other person the
15 copyright of such map, chart, book or books, share or shares thereof,
and any other person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of these
United States, or residents therein, his or their executors, adminis-
trators or assigns, who hath or have purchased or legally acquired the
copyright of any such map, chart, book or books in order to print,
20 reprint, publish or vend the same, shall have the sole right and liberty
of printing, reprinting, publishing and vending such map, chart, book
or books, for the term of fourteen years from the recording the title
thereof in the clerk's office, as is herein after directed: And that the
author and authors of any map, chart, book or books already made
25 and composed, and not printed or published, or that shall hereafter
be made and composed, being a citizen or citizens of these United
States or resident therein, and his or their executors, administrators
or assigns, shall have the sole right and liberty of printing, reprinting,
publishing and vending such map, chart, book or books, for the like
30 term of fourteen years from the time of recording the title thereof in
the clerk's office as aforesaid. And if, at the expiration of the said term,
the author or authors, or any of them, be living, and a citizen or citi-
zens of these United States, or resident therein, the same exclusive
right shall be continued to him or them, his or their executors, admin-
35 istrators or assigns, for the further term of fourteen years: *Provided,*
He or they shall cause the title thereof to be a second time recorded
and published in the same manner as is herein after directed, and that
within six months before the expiration of the first term of fourteen
years aforesaid.

40 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any other person or per-
sons, from and after the recording the title of any map, chart, book
or books, and publishing the same as aforesaid, and within the times

limited and granted by this act, shall print, reprint, publish, or import, 1
 or cause to be printed, reprinted, published, or imported from any
 foreign Kingdom or State, any copy or copies of such map, chart, book
 or books, without the consent of the author or proprietor thereof,
 first had and obtained in writing, signed in the presence of two or 5
 more credible witnesses; or, knowing the same to be so printed,
 reprinted, or imported, shall publish, sell, or expose to sale, or cause
 to be published, sold, or exposed to sale, any copy of such map, chart,
 book or books, without such consent first had and obtained in writing
 as aforesaid, then such offender or offenders shall forfeit all and every 10
 copy and copies of such map, chart, book or books, and all and every
 sheet and sheets, being part of the same, or either of them, to the
 author or proprietor of such map, chart, book or books, who shall forth-
 with destroy the same: And every such offender and offenders shall also
 forfeit and pay the sum of fifty cents for every sheet which shall be 15
 found in his or their possession, either printed or printing, published,
 imported or exposed to sale, contrary to the true intent and meaning
 of this act, the one moiety thereof to the author or proprietor of such
 map, chart, book or books, who shall sue for the same, and the other
 moiety thereof to and for the use of the United States, to be recovered 20
 by action of debt in any court of record in the United States wherein
 the same is cognizable. *Provided always*, That such action be com-
 menced within one year after the cause of action shall arise, and not
 afterwards.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall be entitled 25
 to the benefit of this act, in cases where any map, chart, book or books
 hath or have been already printed and published, unless he shall first
 deposit, and in all other cases, unless he shall before publication deposit
 a printed copy of the title of such map, chart, book or books, in the
 clerk's office of the district court where the author or proprietor shall 30
 reside: And the clerk of such court is hereby directed and required to
 record the same forthwith, in a book to be kept by him for that pur-
 pose, in the words following, (giving a copy thereof to the said author
 or proprietor, under the seal of the court, if he shall require the same).
 "District of to wit: *Be it remembered* that on the day 35
 of in the year of the independence of the United States
 of America, A. B., of the said district, hath deposited in this office the
 title of a map, chart, book or books (as the case may be), the right
 whereof he claims as author or proprietor (as the case may be), in the
 words following, to wit: (Here insert the title) in conformity to the 40
 act of the Congress of the United States, intituled 'An act for the
 encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts,
 and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the
 times therein mentioned.' C. D., clerk of the district of ;" for
 which the said clerk shall be entitled to receive sixty cents from the 45

1 author or proprietor, and sixty cents for every copy under seal actually
 given to such author or proprietor as aforesaid. And such author or
 proprietor shall, within two months from the date thereof, cause a copy
 of the said record to be published in one or more of the newspapers
 5 printed in the United States, for the space of four weeks.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the author or proprietor of
 any such map, chart, book or books, shall, within six months after the
 publishing thereof, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Secretary of
 State a copy of the same, to be preserved in his office.

10 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be
 construed to extend to prohibit the importation or vending, reprinting
 or publishing within the United States, of any map, chart, book or
 books, written, printed, or published by any person not a citizen of
 the United States, in foreign parts or places without the jurisdiction
 15 of the United States.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons who
 shall print or publish any manuscript, without the consent or approba-
 tion of the author or proprietor thereof, first had and obtained as afore-
 said, (if such author or proprietor be a citizen or resident in these United
 20 States) shall be liable to suffer and pay to the said author or proprietor
 all damages occasioned by such injury, to be recovered by a special action
 on the case founded upon this act, in any court having cognizance
 thereof.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons
 25 shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter, act or thing done under or
 by virtue of this act, he or they may plead the general issue, and give
 the special matter in evidence.

Approved, May 31, 1790.

30 In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
 Organization of the Government, in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard
 Peters." Vol. 1, 8vo. Boston, 1845, pp. 124-126.

SEVENTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 36.

AN ACT supplementary to an act, intituled "An act for the encouragement of learn-
 ing, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books to the authors and proprie-
 35 tors of such copies during the time therein mentioned," and extending the benefits
 thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints.

1802,
 April 29. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 40 That every person who shall, from and after the first day
 of January next, claim to be the author or proprietor of any maps,
 charts, book or books, and shall thereafter seek to obtain a copyright
 of the same agreeable to the rules prescribed by law, before he shall be
 entitled to the benefit of the act, intituled "An act for the encourage-
 ment of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to

the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein 1
mentioned," he shall, in addition to the requisites enjoined in the third
and fourth sections of said act, if a book or books, give information
by causing the copy of the record, which, by said act he is required
to publish in one or more of the newspapers, to be inserted at full 5
length in the title-page or in the page immediately following the title
of every such book or books; and if a map or chart, shall cause the
following words to be impressed on the face thereof, viz: "*Entered*
according to act of Congress, the *day of* 18 (here
insert the date when the same was deposited in the office) *by A. B. of* 10
the State of (here insert the author's or proprietor's name and
the State in which he resides).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day
of January next, every person, being a citizen of the United States,
or resident within the same, who shall invent and design, engrave, 15
etch or work, or from his own works and inventions, shall cause to be
designed and engraved, etched, or worked, any historical or other
print or prints, shall have the sole right and liberty of printing,
re-printing, publishing, and vending such print or prints, for the term
of fourteen years from the recording the title thereof in the clerk's 20
office, as prescribed by law for maps, charts, book or books: *Pro-*
vided, he shall perform all the requisites in relation to such print or
prints, as are directed in relation to maps, charts, book or books, in
the third and fourth sections of the act to which this is a supplement,
and shall moreover cause the same entry to be truly engraved on such 25
plate, with the name of the proprietor, and printed on every such
print or prints as is herein before required to be made on maps or
charts.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any print-seller or other
person whatsoever, from and after the said first day of January next, 30
within the time limited by this act, shall engrave, etch or work, as
aforesaid, or in any other manner copy or sell, or cause to be engraved,
etched, copied or sold, in the whole or in part, by varying, adding
to, or diminishing from the main design, or shall print, re-print, or
import for sale, or cause to be printed, re-printed, or imported for 35
sale any such print or prints, or any parts thereof, without the consent
of the proprietor or proprietors thereof, first had and obtained, in
writing, signed by him or them respectively, in the presence of two
or more credible witnesses; or knowing the same to be so printed or
re-printed, without the consent of the proprietor or proprietors, shall 40
publish, sell, or expose to sale or otherwise, or in any other manner
dispose of any such print or prints, without such consent first had and
obtained, as aforesaid, then such offender or offenders shall forfeit the
plate or plates on which such print or prints are or shall be copied,
and all and every sheet or sheets (being part of or whereon such print 45

- 1 or prints are or shall be copied or printed) to the proprietor or proprietors of such original print or prints, who shall forthwith destroy the same; and further, that every such offender or offenders shall forfeit one dollar for every print which shall be found in his, her, or
 5 their custody; either printed, published, or exposed to sale, or otherwise disposed of, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, the one moiety thereof to any person who shall sue for the same, and the other moiety thereof to and for the use of the United States, to be recovered in any court having competent jurisdiction thereof.
- 10 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons from and after the passing of this act, shall print or publish any map, chart, book or books, print or prints, who have not legally acquired the copyright of such map, chart, book or books, print or prints, and shall, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, insert therein
 15 or impress thereon that the same has been entered according to act of Congress, or words purporting the same, or purporting that the copyright thereof has been acquired; every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, one moiety thereof to the person who shall sue for the same, and the other moiety thereof
 20 to and for the use of the United States, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record in the United States, having cognizance thereof. *Provided always*, That in every case for forfeitures hereinbefore given, the action be commenced within two years from the time the cause of action may have arisen.
- 25 Approved. April 29, 1802.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard Peters." Vol. 2, 8vo. Boston, 1845, pp. 171-172.

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 19.

- 30 AN ACT to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States to cases arising under the law relating to patents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
 1819,
 February 15. *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,*
 That the circuit courts of the United States shall have
 35 original cognizance, as well in equity as at law, of all actions, suits, controversies, and cases, arising under any law of the United States, granting or confirming to authors or inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings, inventions, and discoveries; and upon any bill in equity, filed by any party aggrieved in any such cases, shall
 40 have authority to grant injunctions, according to the course and principles of courts of equity, to prevent the violation of the rights of any authors or inventors, secured to them by any laws of the United States, on such terms and conditions as the said courts may deem fit and reasonable: *Provided, however*, That from all judgments and

decrees of any circuit courts, rendered in the premises, a writ of error 1
or appeal, as the case may require, shall lie to the Supreme Court of
the United States, in the same manner, and under the same circum-
stances, as is now provided by law in other judgments and decrees of
such circuit courts. 5

Approved, February 15, 1819.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard
Peters." Vol. 3, 8vo. Boston, 1846, pp. 481-482.

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 16. 10

AN ACT to amend the several acts respecting copyrights.

1831, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
February 3 *tives of the United States of America, in Congress assem-*
(Revision). *bled,* That from and after the passing of this act, any 15
person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of the United States, or resident therein, who shall be the author or authors of any book or books, map, chart, or musical composition, which may be now made or composed, and not printed and published, or shall hereafter be made or composed, or who shall invent, design, etch, engrave, work, or cause to be engraved, etched, or worked from his 20
own design, any print or engraving, and the executors, administrators, or legal assigns of such person or persons, shall have the sole right and liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing, and vending such book or books, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, in whole or in part, for the term of twenty-eight years 25
from the time of recording the title thereof, in the manner hereinafter directed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if, at the expiration of the aforesaid term of years, such author, inventor, designer, engraver, or any of them, where the work had been originally composed and made 30
by more than one person, be still living, and a citizen or citizens of the United States, or resident therein, or, being dead, shall have left a widow, or child, or children, either or all then living, the same exclusive right shall be continued to such author, designer, or engraver, or, if dead, then to such widow and child, or children, for the 35
further term of fourteen years: *Provided,* That the title of the work so secured shall be a second time recorded, and all such other regulations as are herein required in regard to original copyrights, be complied with in respect to such renewed copyright, and that within six months before the expiration of the first term. 40

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases of renewal of copyright under this act, such author or proprietor shall, within two months from the date of said renewal, cause a copy of the record

1 thereof to be published in one or more of the newspapers printed in the United States, for the space of four weeks.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless he shall, before publication, deposit a
5 printed copy of the title of such book, or books, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, in the clerk's office of the district court of the district wherein the author or proprietor shall reside, and the clerk of such court is hereby directed and required to record the same thereof forthwith, in a book to be kept for that purpose, in the
10 words following (giving a copy of the title, under the seal of the court, to the said author or proprietor, whenever he shall require the same:) "District of to wit: Be it remembered, that on the day of anno Domini, A. B., of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book, (map, chart, or otherwise, as the
15 case may be) the title of which is in the words following, to wit: (here insert the title;) the right whereof he claims as author (or proprietor as the case may be;) in conformity with an act of Congress, entitled 'An act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights.' C. D., clerk of the district." For which record, the clerk shall be entitled
20 to receive, from the person claiming such right as aforesaid, fifty cents; and the like sum for every copy, under seal, actually given to such person or his assigns. And the author or proprietor of any such book, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving shall, within three months from the publication of said book, map, chart,
25 musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of the same to the clerk of said district. And it shall be the duty of the clerk of each district court, at least once in every year, to transmit a certified list of all such records of copyright, including the titles so recorded, and the dates of record, and also all
30 the several copies of books and other works deposited in his office according to this act, to the Secretary of State, to be preserved in his office.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, unless he shall give information of copyright
35 being secured, by causing to be inserted, in the several copies of each and every edition published during the term secured on the title-page, or the page immediately following, if it be a book, or if a map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, by causing to be impressed on the face thereof, or if a volume of maps, charts, music,
40 or engravings, upon the title or frontispiece thereof, the following words, viz: "Entered according to act of Congress, in the year , by A. B., in the clerk's office of the district court of ," (as the case may be.)

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That if any other person or per-
45 sons, from and after the recording the title of any book or books,

according to this act, shall, within the term or terms herein limited, 1
print, publish, or import, or cause to be printed, published, or
imported, any copy of such book, or books, without the consent of the
person legally entitled to the copyright thereof, first had and obtained
in writing, signed in the presence of two or more credible witnesses, 5
or shall, knowing the same to be so printed or imported, publish, sell,
or expose to sale, or cause to be published, sold, or exposed to sale,
any copy of such book without such consent in writing; then such
offender shall forfeit every copy of such book to the person legally,
at the time, entitled to the copyright thereof; and shall also forfeit and 10
pay fifty cents for every such sheet which may be found in his posses-
sion, either printed, or printing, published, imported, or exposed to
sale, contrary to the intent of this act, the one moiety thereof to such
legal owner of the copyright as aforesaid, and the other to the use of
the United States, to be recovered by action of debt in any court 15
having competent jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any person or persons,
after the recording the title of any print, cut, or engraving, map,
chart or musical composition, according to the provisions of this act,
shall, within the term or terms limited by this act, engrave, etch, or 20
work, sell, or copy, or cause to be engraved, etched, worked, or sold,
or copied, either on the whole, or by varying, adding to, or diminish-
ing the main design with intent to evade the law; or shall print or
import for sale, or cause to be printed, or imported for sale, any such
map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, or any parts 25
thereof, without the consent of the proprietor or proprietors of the
copyright thereof, first obtained in writing, signed in the presence of
two credible witnesses; or, knowing the same to be so printed or
imported without such consent, shall publish, sell, or expose to sale, or
in any manner dispose of any such map, chart, musical composition, 30
engraving, cut, or print, without such consent, as aforesaid; then such
offender or offenders shall forfeit the plate or plates on which such
map, chart, musical composition, engraving, cut, or print, shall be cop-
ied, and also all and every sheet thereof so copied or printed as afore-
said, to the proprietor or proprietors of the copyright thereof; and 35
shall further forfeit one dollar for every sheet of such map, chart,
musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, which may be found in
his or their possession, printed or published, or exposed to sale, con-
trary to the true intent and meaning of this act; the one moiety
thereof to the proprietor or proprietors, and the other moiety to the 40
use of the United States, to be recovered in any court having compe-
tent jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be
construed to extend to prohibit the importation or vending, printing,
or publishing of any map, chart, book, musical composition, print, or 45

1 engraving, written, composed, or made, by any person not being a citizen of the United States, nor resident within the jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons who shall print or publish any manuscript whatever without the consent of
5 the author or legal proprietor first obtained as aforesaid, (if such author or proprietor be a citizen of the United States, or resident therein,) shall be liable to suffer and pay to the author or proprietor, all damages occasioned by such injury, to be recovered by a special action on the case founded upon this act, in any court having cognisance
10 thereof; and the several courts of the United States empowered to grant injunctions, to prevent the violation of the rights of authors and inventors, are hereby empowered to grant injunctions, in like manner, according to the principles of equity, to restrain such publication of any manuscript as aforesaid.

15 SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any person or persons shall be sued or prosecuted, for any matter, act, or thing done under or by virtue of this act, he or they may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any person or persons,
20 from and after the passing of this act, shall print or publish any book, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, not having legally acquired the copyright thereof, and shall insert or impress that the same hath been entered according to act of Congress, or words purporting the same, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay
25 one hundred dollars; one moiety thereof to the person who shall sue for the same, and the other to the use of the United States, to be recovered by action of debt, in any court of record having cognisance thereof.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That, in all recoveries under this
30 act, either for damages, forfeitures, or penalties, full costs shall be allowed thereon, anything in any former act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That no action or prosecution shall be maintained, in any case of forfeiture or penalty under this
35 act, unless the same shall have been commenced within two years after the cause of action shall have arisen.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the "Act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein
40 mentioned," passed May thirty-first, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the act supplementary thereto, passed April twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and two, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed: saving, always, such rights as may have been obtained in conformity to their provisions.

45 SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That all and several the provi-

sions of this act, intended for the protection and security of copyrights, 1
and providing remedies, penalties, and forfeitures in case of violation
thereof, shall be held and construed to extend to the benefit of the legal
proprietor or proprietors of each and every copyright heretofore
obtained, according to law, during the term thereof, in the same man- 5
ner as if such copyright had been entered and secured according to the
directions of this act.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever a copyright has
been heretofore obtained by an author or authors, inventor, designer,
or engraver, of any book, map, chart, print, cut, or engraving, or by 10
a proprietor of the same, if such author or authors, or either of them,
such inventor, designer, or engraver be living at the passage of this
act, then such author or authors, or the survivor of them, such inven-
tor, engraver, or designer, shall continue to have the same exclusive
right to his book, chart, map, print, cut, or engraving, with the bene- 15
fit of each and all the provisions of this act, for the security thereof,
for such additional period of time as will, together with the time which
shall have elapsed from the first entry of such copyright, make up the
term of twenty-eight years, with the same right to his widow, child,
or children, to renew the copyright at the expiration thereof, as is 20
above provided in relation to copyrights originally secured under this
act. And if such author or authors, inventor, designer, or engraver
shall not be living at the passage of this act, then, his or their heirs,
executors, and administrators, shall be entitled to the like exclusive
enjoyment of said copyright, with the benefit of each and all the pro- 25
visions of this act for the security thereof, for the period of twenty-
eight years from the first entry of said copyright, with the like privilege
of renewal to the widow, child, or children, of author or authors,
designer, inventor, or engraver, as is provided in relation to copyrights
originally secured under this act: *Provided*, That this act shall not 30
extend to any copyright heretofore secured, the term of which has
already expired.

Approved, February 3, 1831.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
Organization of the Government in 1789 to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard 35
Peters." Vol. 4, 8vo. Boston, 1846, pp. 436-439.

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 157.

AN ACT supplementary to the act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights.

1834,
June 30. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* 40

That all deeds or instruments in writing for the transfer
or assignment of copyrights, being proved or acknowledged in such
manner as deeds for the conveyance of land are required by law to be
proved or acknowledged in the same State or district, shall and may

1 be recorded in the office where the original copyright is deposited and recorded; and every such deed or instrument that shall in any time hereafter be made and executed, and which shall not be proved or acknowledged and recorded as aforesaid, within sixty days after its
5 execution, shall be judged fraudulent and void against any subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for valuable consideration without notice.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of the district court shall be entitled to such fees for performing the services herein authorized and required, as he is entitled to for performing like
10 services under existing laws of the United States.

Approved, June 30, 1834.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard Peters." Vol. 4, 8vo. Boston, p. 728.

15 TWENTY-NINTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 178, SECTION 10.

AN ACT to establish the "Smithsonian Institution," for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the author or
1846, proprietor of any book, map, chart, musical composition,
August 10. print, cut, or engraving, for which a copyright shall be
20 secured under the existing acts of Congress, or those which shall hereafter be enacted respecting copyrights, shall, within three months from the publication of said book, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, or engraving, deliver, or cause to be delivered, one copy of
25 the same to the librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, and one copy to the Librarian of Congress Library, for the use of said libraries.

Approved, August 10, 1846.

In "The Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States of America, from December 1, 1845, to March 3, 1851. Edited by George Minot." Vol. 9, 8vo.
30 Boston, 1851, p. 106.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 201, SECTION 5.

AN ACT making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal year, ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all books, maps,
35 1855, charts, or other publications, entered for copyright, and
March 3. which, under the act of August tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, are required to be deposited in the Library of Congress, and in the Smithsonian Institution, may be sent through the mails
40 free of postage, under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

Approved, March 3, 1855.

In "The Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States of America, from December 1, 1851, to March 3, 1855. Edited by George Minot." Vol. 10, 8vo.
45 Boston, 1855, p. 685.

THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 169.

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AN ACT supplemental to an act entitled "An act to amend the several acts respecting copyright," approved February third, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

1856,
August 18. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* 5

That any copyright hereafter granted under the laws of the United States to the author or proprietor of any dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation, shall be deemed and taken to confer upon the said author or proprietor, his heirs or assigns, along with the sole right to print and publish the said composition, the 10 sole right also to act, perform, or represent the same, or cause it to be acted, performed, or represented, on any stage or public place during the whole period for which the copyright is obtained; and any manager, actor, or other person acting, performing, or representing the said composition, without or against the consent of the said author or 15 proprietor, his heirs or assigns, shall be liable to damages to be sued for and recovered by action on the case or other equivalent remedy, with costs of suit in any court of the United States, such damages in all cases to be rated and assessed at such sum not less than one hundred dollars for the first, and fifty dollars for every subsequent perform- 20 ance, as to the court having cognizance thereof shall appear to be just: *Provided, nevertheless,* That nothing herein enacted shall impair any right to act, perform, or represent a dramatic composition as aforesaid, which right may have been acquired, or shall in future be acquired by 25 any manager, actor, or other person previous to the securing of the copyright for the said composition, or to restrict in any way the right of such author to process in equity in any court of the United States for the better and further enforcement of his rights.

Approved, August 18, 1856.

In "The Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States of America, from 30 December 3, 1855, to March 3, 1859. Edited by George Minot and George P. Sanger." Vol. 11, 8vo. Boston, 1859, pp. 138-139.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 22, SECTION 8.

AN ACT providing for keeping and distributing all public documents.

1859,
February 5. SECTION 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all books, 35 maps, charts, and other publications of every nature whatever heretofore deposited in the Department of State according to the laws regulating copyrights, together with all the records of the Department of State in regard to the same, shall be removed to, and be under the control of the Department of the Interior, 40 which is hereby charged with all the duties connected with the same, and with all matters pertaining to copyright, in the same manner and to the same extent that the Department of State is now charged with the same; and hereafter all such publications of every nature what-

1 ever shall, under present laws and regulations, be left with, and kept
by him.*

Approved, February 5, 1859.

5 In "The Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States of America, from
December 3, 1855, to March 3, 1859. Edited by George Minot and George P.
Sanger." Vol. 11, 8vo. Boston, 1859, pp. 380-381.

THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to extend the right of appeal from decisions of circuit courts to the
Supreme Court of the United States.

10 1861, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
February 18. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
That from all judgments and decrees of any circuit court
rendered in any action, suit, controversy, or case, at law or in equity,
arising under any law of the United States granting or confirming to
15 authors the exclusive right to their respective writings, or to invent-
ors the exclusive right to their inventions or discoveries, a writ of
error or appeal, as the case may require, shall lie, at the instance of
either party, to the Supreme Court of the United States, in the same
manner and under the same circumstances as is now provided by law
20 in other judgments and decrees of such circuit courts, without regard
to the sum or value in controversy in the action.

Approved, February 18, 1861.

25 In "The Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations of the United States
of America, from December 5, 1859, to March 3, 1863. Edited by George P.
Sanger." Vol. 12, 8vo. Boston, 1863, pp. 130-131.

THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT supplemental to an act entitled "An Act to amend the several acts respecting
copyright," approved February third, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to
the acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof.

30 1865, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
March 3. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
That the provisions of said acts shall extend to and include
photographs and the negatives thereof which shall hereafter be made,
and shall enure to the benefit of the authors of the same in the same
35 manner, and to the same extent, and upon the same conditions as to
the authors of prints and engravings.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a printed copy of every
book, pamphlet, map, chart, musical composition, print, engraving,
or photograph, for which a copyright shall be secured under said acts,
40 shall be transmitted free of postage or other expense by the author
or proprietor thereof, within one month of the date of publication, to
the Library of Congress at Washington for the use of said library; and
the Librarian of Congress is hereby required to give a receipt in writing
for the same.

*[i. e., the Secretary of the Interior.]

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any proprietor of a book, pamphlet, map, chart, musical composition, print, engraving, or photograph, for which a copyright shall be secured as aforesaid, shall neglect to deliver the same pursuant to the requirement of this act, it shall be the duty of the Librarian of Congress to make demand thereof in writing, at any time within twelve months after the publication thereof; and in default of the delivery thereof within one month after the demand shall have been made, the right of exclusive publication secured to such proprietor under the acts of Congress respecting copyright shall be forfeited.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in the construction of this act the word "book" shall be construed to mean every volume and part of a volume, together with all maps, prints, or other engravings belonging thereto; and shall include a copy of any second or subsequent edition which shall be published with any additions, whether the first edition of such book shall have been published before or after the passing of this act: *Provided, however*, That it shall not be requisite to deliver to the said library any copy of the second or any subsequent edition of any book, unless the same shall contain additions as aforesaid, nor of any book which is not the subject of copy-

right.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

In "The Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations of the United States of America, from December, 1863, to December, 1865. Edited by George P. Sanger." Vol. 13, 8vo. Boston, 1866, pp. 540-541.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT amendatory of the several acts respecting copyrights.

1867,
February 18. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

That every proprietor of a book, pamphlet, map, chart, musical composition, print, engraving, or photograph, for which a copyright shall have been secured, who shall fail to deliver to the Library of Congress at Washington, a printed copy of every such book, pamphlet, map, chart, musical composition, print, engraving, or photograph, within one month after publication thereof, shall, for every such default, be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars, to be collected by the Librarian of Congress, in the name of the United States, in any district or circuit court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the delinquent may reside or be found.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every such proprietor may transmit any book, pamphlet, map, chart, musical composition, print, engraving, or photograph, for which he may have secured a copyright, to the Librarian of Congress, by mail free of postage, provided the words "copyright matter" be plainly written or printed on the out-

1 side of the package containing the same; and it shall be the duty of the several postmasters and deputy postmasters, to give a receipt for the same, if requested, and when such package shall be delivered to them, or any of them, to see that the same is safely forwarded to its
5 destination by mail, without cost or charge to said proprietor.

Approved, February 18, 1867.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1865, to March, 1867. Edited by George P. Sanger." Vol. 14, 8vo. Boston, 1868, p. 395.

10 FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 230,
SECTIONS 85-110.

AN ACT to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to patents and copyrights.

15 1870,
 July 8. SEC. 85. *And be it further enacted*, That all records and other things relating to copyrights and required by law to be preserved, shall be under the control of the Librarian of Congress, and kept and preserved in the Library of Congress; and the Librarian of Congress shall have the immediate care and supervision thereof, and, under the supervision of the Joint Com-
20 mittee of Congress on the Library, shall perform all acts and duties required by law touching copyrights. The Librarian shall cause a seal to be provided for said office, with such device as the Joint Committee on the Library may approve, with which all records or papers issued from said office, and to be used in evidence, shall be authen-
25 ticated. He shall also give an additional bond, with sureties, to the Treasurer of the United States, in the sum of five thousand dollars, with the condition that he will render to the proper officers of the Treasury a true account of all moneys received by virtue of his office. He shall also make an annual report to Congress of the number and
30 description of copyright publications for which entries have been made during the year. And the Librarian of Congress shall receive a yearly compensation of four thousand dollars, to commence when this act shall take effect.

SEC. 86. *And be it further enacted*, That any citizen of the United
35 States, or resident therein, who shall be the author, inventor, designer, or proprietor of any book, map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, engraving, cut, print, or photograph or negative thereof, or of a painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, and of models or designs intended to be perfected as works of the fine arts, and his executors,
40 administrators, or assigns, shall, upon complying with the provisions of this act, have the sole liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing, completing, copying, executing, finishing, and vending the same; and in the case of a dramatic composition, of publicly performing or *representing it*, or causing it to be performed or represented by others;

and authors may reserve the right to dramatize or to translate their own works. 1

SEC. 87. *And be it further enacted*, That copyrights shall be granted for the term of twenty-eight years from the time of recording the title thereof, in the manner hereinafter directed. 5

SEC. 88. *And be it further enacted*, That the author, inventor, or designer, if he be still living, and a citizen of the United States or resident therein, or his widow or children, if he be dead, shall have the same exclusive right continued for the further term of fourteen years, upon recording the title of the work or description of the article so secured a second time, and complying with all other regulations in regard to original copyrights, within six months before the expiration of the first term. And such person shall, within two months from the date of said renewal, cause a copy of the record thereof to be published in one or more newspapers, printed in the United States, for the space of four weeks. 10 15

SEC. 89. *And be it further enacted*, That copyrights shall be assignable in law, by any instrument of writing, and such assignment shall be recorded in the office of the Librarian of Congress within sixty days after its execution, in default of which it shall be void as against any subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for a valuable consideration, without notice. 20

SEC. 90. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall be entitled to a copyright unless he shall, before publication, deposit in the mail a printed copy of the title of the book or other article, or a description of the painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, or model or design for a work of the fine arts, for which he desires a copyright, addressed to the Librarian of Congress, and, within ten days from the publication thereof, deposit in the mail two copies of such copyright book or other article, or in case of a painting, drawing, statue, statuary, model, or design for a work of the fine arts, a photograph of the same, to be addressed to said Librarian of Congress, as hereinafter to be provided. 25 30

SEC. 91. *And be it further enacted*, That the Librarian of Congress shall record the name of such copyright book, or other article, forthwith in a book to be kept for that purpose, in the words following: "Library of Congress, to wit. Be it remembered that on the day of , anno Domini , A. B., of , hath deposited in this office the title of a book, (map, chart, or otherwise, as the case may be, or description of the article,) the title or description of which is in the following words, to wit; (here insert the title or description,) the right whereof he claims as author, originator, (or proprietor, as the case may be,) in conformity with the laws of the United States respecting copyrights. C. D., Librarian of Congress." And he shall give a copy of the title or description, under the seal of the Librarian of Congress, to said proprietor whenever he shall require it. 35 40 45

1 SEC. 92. *And be it further enacted*, That for recording the title or
description of any copyright book or other article, the Librarian of
Congress shall receive, from the person claiming the same, fifty cents;
and for every copy under seal actually given to such person or his
5 assigns, fifty cents; and for recording any instrument of writing for
the assignment of a copyright, fifteen cents for every one hundred
words; and for every copy thereof, ten cents for every one hundred
words, which moneys, so received, shall be paid into the Treasury
of the United States.

10 SEC. 93. *And be it further enacted*, That the proprietor of every
copyright book or other article shall mail to the Librarian of Congress
at Washington, within ten days after its publication, two complete
printed copies thereof of the best edition issued or description or
photograph of such article as hereinbefore required, and a copy of
15 every subsequent edition wherein any substantial changes shall be
made.

SEC. 94. *And be it further enacted*, That in default of such deposit
in the post-office, said proprietor shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-
five dollars, to be collected by the Librarian of Congress, in the name
20 of the United States, in an action of debt, in any district court of the
United States within the jurisdiction of which the delinquent may
reside or be found.

SEC. 95. *And be it further enacted*, That any such copyright book or
other article may be sent to the Librarian of Congress by mail, free of
25 postage, provided the words "Copyright matter" are plainly written
or printed on the outside of the package containing the same.

SEC. 96. *And be it further enacted*, That the postmaster to whom such
copyright book, title, or other article is delivered, shall, if requested,
give a receipt therefor; and when so delivered he shall mail it to its
30 destination without cost to the proprietor.

SEC. 97. *And be it further enacted*, That no person shall maintain
an action for the infringement of his copyright unless he shall give
notice thereof by inserting in the several copies of every edition pub-
lished, on the title page or the page immediately following, if it be a
35 book, or if a map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, engraving,
photograph, painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, or model or
design intended to be perfected and completed as a work of the fine
arts, by inscribing upon some portion of the face or front thereof, or
on the face of the substance on which the same shall be mounted, the
40 following words, viz.: "Entered according to act of Congress, in the
year , by A. B., in the office of the Librarian of Congress, at
Washington."

SEC. 98. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall insert
or impress such notice, or words of the same purport, in or upon any
45 book, map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photo-

graph, or other articles herein named, for which he has not obtained a 1
copyright, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay one hundred
dollars; one moiety thereof to the person who shall sue for the same,
and the other to the use of the United States, to be recovered by action
in any court of competent jurisdiction. 5

SEC. 99. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person, after the
recording of the title of any book as herein provided, shall within the
term limited, and without the consent of the proprietor of the copy-
right first obtained in writing, signed in presence of two or more
witnesses, print, publish, or import, or, knowing the same to be so 10
printed, published, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy
of such book, such offender shall forfeit every copy thereof to said
proprietor, and shall also forfeit and pay such damages as may be
recovered in a civil action by such proprietor in any court of compe-
tent jurisdiction. 15

SEC. 100. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person, after the
recording of the title of any map, chart, musical composition, print,
cut, engraving, or photograph, or chromo, or of the description of
any painting, drawing, statue, statuary, or model or design intended
to be perfected and executed as a work of the fine arts, as herein pro- 20
vided, shall, within the term limited, and without the consent of the
proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing, signed in presence of
two or more witnesses, engrave, etch, work, copy, print, publish, or
import, either in whole or in part, or by varying the main design with
intent to evade the law, or, knowing the same to be so printed, pub- 25
lished, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such map
or other article, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit to the said proprietor all
the plates on which the same shall be copied, and every sheet thereof,
either copied or printed, and shall further forfeit one dollar for every
sheet of the same found in his possession, either printing, printed, 30
copied, published, imported, or exposed for sale; and in case of a paint-
ing, statue, or statuary, he shall forfeit ten dollars for every copy of
the same in his possession, or which have by him been sold or exposed
for sale; one moiety thereof to the proprietor and the other to the use
of the United States, to be recovered by action in any court of com- 35
petent jurisdiction.

SEC. 101. *And be it further enacted*, That any person publicly per-
forming or representing any dramatic composition for which a copy-
right has been obtained, without the consent of the proprietor thereof,
or his heirs or assigns, shall be liable for damages therefor, to be 40
recovered by action in any court of competent jurisdiction; said dam-
ages in all cases to be assessed at such sum, not less than one hundred
dollars for the first, and fifty dollars for every subsequent perform-
ance, as to the court shall appear to be just.

SEC. 102. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall print 45

1 or publish any manuscript whatever, without the consent of the author or proprietor first obtained, (if such author or proprietor be a citizen of the United States, or resident therein,) shall be liable to said author or proprietor for all damages occasioned by such injury, to be recovered
5 by action on the case in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 103. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the printing, publishing, importation, or sale of any book, map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, written, composed, or made by any
10 person not a citizen of the United States, nor resident therein.

SEC. 104. *And be it further enacted*, That no action shall be maintained in any case of forfeiture or penalty under the copyright laws, unless the same is commenced within two years after the cause of action has arisen.

15 SEC. 105. *And be it further enacted*, That in all actions arising under the laws respecting copyrights the defendant may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence.

SEC. 106. *And be it further enacted*, That all actions, suits, controversies, and cases arising under the copyright laws of the United States
20 shall be originally cognizable, as well in equity as at law, whether civil or penal in their nature, by the circuit courts of the United States, or any district court having the jurisdiction of a circuit court, or in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, or any Territory. And the court shall have power, upon bill in equity, filed by any party
25 aggrieved, to grant injunctions to prevent the violation of any right secured by said laws, according to the course and principles of courts of equity, on such terms as the court may deem reasonable.

SEC. 107. *And be it further enacted*, That a writ of error or appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States shall lie from all judg-
30 ments and decrees of any court, in any action, suit, controversy, or case touching copyrights in the same manner and under the same circumstances as in other judgments and decrees of such courts, without regard to the sum or value in controversy.

SEC. 108. *And be it further enacted*, That in all recoveries under the
35 copyright laws, either for damages, forfeitures, or penalties, full costs shall be allowed thereon.

SEC. 109. *And be it further enacted*, That all books, maps, charts, and other publications of every nature whatever, heretofore deposited in the Department of the Interior, according to the laws regulating
40 copyrights, together with all the records of said Department, and all records concerning the same which were removed by the Department of the Interior from the Department of State, shall be removed to and be under the control of the Librarian of Congress, who is hereby charged with all the duties pertaining to copyrights required by law.

45 SEC. 110. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of each of the

district courts of the United States shall transmit forthwith to the 1
 Librarian of Congress all books, maps, prints, photograp(h)s, music,
 and other publications of every nature whatever, deposited in the said
 clerk's office, and not heretofore sent to the Department of the Inte- 5
 rior, at Washington, together with all records of copyright in his
 possession, including the titles so recorded, and the dates of record:
Provided, That where there are duplicate copies of legal, scientific, or
 mechanical works, one copy of each may be deposited in the library
 of the Patent Office, for which a receipt shall be given by the Commis-
 sioner of Patents to the Librarian of Congress. 10

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In the "Statutes at Large and Proclamations of the United States of America,
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SEC. 4948. All records and other things relating to copyrights and required by law to be preserved, shall be under the control of the 40
 Librarian of Congress, and kept and preserved in the Library of Con-
 gress; and the Librarian of Congress shall have the immediate care
 and supervision thereof, and, under the supervision of the Joint Com-
 mittee of Congress on the Library, shall perform all acts and duties
 required by law touching copyrights. 45

SEC. 4949. The seal provided for the office of the Librarian of Con-
 gress shall be the seal thereof, and by it all records and papers issued
 from the office and to be used in evidence shall be authenticated.

1 SEC. 4950. The Librarian of Congress shall give a bond, with sureties,
to the Treasurer of the United States, in the sum of five thousand
dollars, with the condition that he will render to the proper officers
of the Treasury a true account of all moneys received by virtue of his
5 office.

SEC. 4951. The Librarian of Congress shall make an annual report
to Congress of the number and description of copyright publications
for which entries have been made during the year.

SEC. 4952. Any citizen of the United States or resident therein, who
10 shall be the author, inventor, designer, or proprietor of any book,
map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, engraving, cut, print,
or photograph or negative thereof, or of a painting, drawing, chromo,
statue, statuary, and of models or designs intended to be perfected as
works of the fine arts, and the executors, administrators, or assigns of
15 any such person shall, upon complying with the provisions of this
chapter, have the sole liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing, com-
pleting, copying, executing, finishing, and vending the same; and in
the case of a dramatic composition, of publicly performing or repre-
senting it, or causing it to be performed or represented by others,
20 and authors may reserve the right to dramatize or to translate their
own works.

SEC. 4953. Copyrights shall be granted for the term of twenty-eight
years from the time of recording the title thereof, in the manner
hereinafter directed.

25 SEC. 4954. The author, inventor, or designer, if he be still living
and a citizen of the United States or resident therein, or his widow or
children, if he be dead, shall have the same exclusive right continued
for the further term of fourteen years, upon recording the title of the
work or description of the article so secured a second time, and com-
30 plying with all other regulations in regard to original copyrights,
within six months before the expiration of the first term. And such
person shall, within two months from the date of said renewal, cause
a copy of the record thereof to be published in one or more newspa-
pers, printed in the United States, for the space of four weeks.

35 SEC. 4955. Copyrights shall be assignable in law, by any instrument
of writing, and such assignment shall be recorded in the office of the
Librarian of Congress within sixty days after its execution; in default
of which it shall be void as against any subsequent purchaser or
mortgagee for a valuable consideration, without notice.

40 SEC. 4956. No person shall be entitled to a copyright unless he shall,
before publication, deliver at the office of the Librarian of Congress
or deposit in the mail addressed to the Librarian of Congress, at
Washington, District of Columbia, a printed copy of the title of
the book or other article, or a description of the painting, drawing,
45 *chromo*, statue, statuary, or a model or design for a work of the fine

arts, for which he desires a copyright, nor unless he shall also, within
ten days from the publication thereof, deliver at the office of the
Librarian of Congress or deposit in the mail addressed to the Librarian
of Congress, at Washington, District of Columbia, two copies of
such copyright book or other article, or in case of a painting, drawing,
statue, statuary, model, or design for a work of the fine arts, a photo-
graph of the same.

SEC. 4957. The Librarian of Congress shall record the name of such
copyright book or other article, forthwith, in a book to be kept for
that purpose, in the words following: "Library of Congress, to wit: 10
Be it remembered that on the day of , A. B., of ,
hath deposited in this office the title of a book, (map, chart, or other-
wise, as the case may be, or description of the article,) the title or
description of which is in the following words, to wit: (here insert
the title or description,) the right whereof he claims as author, (origi- 15
nator, or proprietor as the case may be,) in conformity with the laws
of the United States respecting copyrights. C. D., Librarian of Con-
gress." And he shall give a copy of the title or description, under
the seal of the Librarian of Congress, to the proprietor whenever he
shall require it. 20

SEC. 4958. The Librarian of Congress shall receive from the per-
sons to whom the services designated are rendered, the following fees:

First. For recording the title or description of any copyright book
or other article, fifty cents.

Second. For every copy under seal of such record actually given to 25
the person claiming the copyright, or his assigns, fifty cents.

Third. For recording any instrument of writing for the assignment
of a copyright, fifteen cents for every one hundred words.

Fourth. For every copy of an assignment, ten cents for every one
hundred words. 30

All fees so received shall be paid into the Treasury of the United
States.

SEC. 4959. The proprietor of every copyright book or other article
shall deliver at the office of the Librarian of Congress, or deposit in
the mail addressed to the Librarian of Congress at Washington, Dis- 35
trict of Columbia, within ten days after its publication, two complete
printed copies thereof, or description or photograph of such article
as hereinbefore required, and a copy of every subsequent edition
wherein any substantial changes shall be made.

SEC. 4960. For every failure on the part of the proprietor of any 40
copyright to deliver or deposit in the mail either of the published
copies, or description or photograph, required by sections four thou-
sand nine hundred and fifty-six, and four thousand nine hundred and
fifty-nine, the proprietor of the copyright shall be liable to a penalty
of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered by the Librarian of Congress, 45

1 in the name of the United States, in an action in the nature of an action of debt, in any district court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the delinquent may reside or be found.

SEC. 4961. The postmaster to whom such copyright book, title, or 5 other article is delivered, shall, if requested, give a receipt therefor, and when so delivered he shall mail it to its destination.

SEC. 4962. No person shall maintain an action for the infringement of his copyright unless he shall give notice thereof by inserting in the several copies of every edition published, on the title-page or the page 10 immediately following, if it be a book; or if a map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, engraving, photograph, painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, or model or design intended to be perfected and completed as a work of the fine arts, by inscribing upon some portion of the face or front thereof, or on the face of the substance on 15 which the same shall be mounted, the following words, "Entered according to act of Congress, in the year , by A. B., in the office of the Librarian of Congress, at Washington."

SEC. 4963. Every person who shall insert or impress such notice, or words of the same purport, in or upon any book, map, chart, musical 20 composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, or other article, for which he has not obtained a copyright, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, recoverable one-half for the person who shall sue for such penalty, and one-half to the use of the United States.

SEC. 4964. Every person who, after the recording of the title of 25 any book as provided by this chapter, shall within the term limited, and without the consent of the proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing, signed in the presence of two or more witnesses, print, publish, or import, or knowing the same to be so printed, published, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such book, 30 shall forfeit every copy thereof to such proprietor, and shall also forfeit and pay such damages as may be recovered in a civil action by such proprietor in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4965. If any person, after the recording of the title of any map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, 35 or chromo, or of the description of any painting, drawing, statue, statuary, or model or design intended to be perfected and executed as a work of the fine arts, as provided by this chapter, shall, within the time limited, and without the consent of the proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing, signed in presence of two or more 40 witnesses, engrave, etch, work, copy, print, publish, or import, either in whole or in part, or by varying the main design with intent to evade the law, or, knowing the same to be so printed, published, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such map or other article, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit to the proprietor all the plates on which the 45 same shall be copied, and every sheet thereof, either copied or printed,

and shall further forfeit one dollar for every sheet of the same found 1
in his possession, either printing, printed, copied, published, imported,
or exposed for sale; and in case of a painting, statue, or statuary, he
shall forfeit ten dollars for every copy of the same in his possession,
or by him sold or exposed for sale; one-half thereof to the proprietor 5
and the other half to the use of the United States.

SEC. 4966. Any person publicly performing or representing any
dramatic composition for which a copyright has been obtained, with-
out the consent of the proprietor thereof, or his heirs or assigns, shall
be liable for damages therefor, such damages in all cases to be assessed 10
at such sum, not less than one hundred dollars for the first, and fifty
dollars for every subsequent performance, as to the court shall appear
to be just.

SEC. 4967. Every person who shall print or publish any manuscript
whatever, without the consent of the author or proprietor first obtained, 15
if such author or proprietor is a citizen of the United States, or resi-
dent therein, shall be liable to the author or proprietor for all damages
occasioned by such injury.

SEC. 4968. No action shall be maintained in any case of forfeiture or
penalty under the copyright laws, unless the same is commenced within 20
two years after the cause of action has arisen.

SEC. 4969. In all actions arising under the laws respecting copy-
rights, the defendant may plead the general issue, and give the special
matter in evidence.

SEC. 4970. The circuit courts, and district courts having the jurisdic- 25
tion of circuit courts, shall have power, upon bill in equity filed by any
party aggrieved, to grant injunctions to prevent the violation of any
right secured by the laws respecting copyrights, according to the course
and principles of courts of equity, on such terms as the court may
deem reasonable. 30

SEC. 4971. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the
printing, publishing, importation, or sale of any book, map, chart, dra-
matic or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph,
written, composed, or made by any person not a citizen of the United
States nor resident therein. 35

In "The Revised Statutes of the United States, passed at the first session of
the Forty-third Congress, 1873-'74." Second edition, 8vo. Washington, 1878,
pp. 957-960.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to amend the law relating to patents, trade marks, and copyrights. 40

1874,
June 18. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
no person shall maintain an action for the infringement of
his copyright unless he shall give notice thereof by inserting in the

1 several copies of every edition published, on the title page or the page immediately following, if it be a book; or if a map, chart, musical composition, print, cut, engraving, photograph, painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, or model or design intended to be perfected
 5 and completed as a work of the fine arts, by inscribing upon some visible portion thereof, or of the substance on which the same shall be mounted, the following words, viz: "Entered according to act of Congress, in the year , by A. B., in the office of the Librarian of Congress, at Washington;" or, at his option the word "Copyright,"
 10 together with the year the copyright was entered, and the name of the party by whom it was taken out; thus: "Copyright, 18 , by A. B."

SEC. 2. That for recording and certifying any instrument of writing for the assignment of a copyright, the Librarian of Congress shall receive from the persons to whom the service is rendered, one dollar;
 15 and for every copy of an assignment, one dollar; said fee to cover, in either case, a certificate of the record, under seal of the Librarian of Congress; and all fees so received shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 3. That in the construction of this act, the words "engraving,"
 20 "cut" and "print" shall be applied only to pictorial illustrations or works connected with the fine arts, and no prints or labels designed to be used for any other articles of manufacture shall be entered under the copyright law, but may be registered in the Patent Office. And the Commissioner of Patents is hereby charged with the supervision
 25 and control of the entry or registry of such prints or labels, in conformity with the regulations provided by law as to copyright of prints, except that there shall be paid for recording the title of any print or label not a trade mark, six dollars, which shall cover the expense of furnishing a copy of the record under the seal of the Commissioner of
 30 Patents, to the party entering the same.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the foregoing provisions be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect on and after the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

35 Approved, June 18, 1874.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States, from December, 1873, to March, 1875." Vol. 18, part 3, 8vo. Washington, 1875, pp. 78-79.

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, CHAPTER 180, SECTION 15.

AN ACT making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the
 40 fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes.

SEC. 15. That foreign newspapers and other periodicals
 1879,
 March 3. of the same general character as those admitted to the
 second class in the United States may, under the direction
 45 of the Postmaster General, on application of the publishers thereof, or

their agents, be transmitted through the mails at the same rates as if published in the United States. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to allow the transmission through the mails of any publication which violates any copyright granted by the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

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FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 366.

AN ACT to amend the statutes in relation to copyright.

1882, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives* 10
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That manufacturers of designs for molded decorative articles, tiles, plaques, or articles of pottery or metal subject to copyright may put the copyright mark prescribed by section forty-nine hundred and sixty-two of the Revised Statutes, and acts additional thereto, upon the back or bottom of such articles, or in such other place upon them as it has heretofore been usual for manufacturers of such articles to employ for the placing of manufacturers, merchants, and trade marks thereon.

Approved, August 1, 1882.

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In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1881, to March, 1883." Vol. 22, 8vo. Washington, 1883, p. 181.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 565.

AN ACT to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights.

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1891, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
March 3. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

That section forty-nine hundred and fifty-two of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

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"SEC. 4952. The author, inventor, designer, or proprietor of any book, map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, engraving, cut, print, or photograph or negative thereof, or of a painting, drawing, chromo, statue, statuary, and of models or designs intended to be perfected as works of the fine arts, and the executors, administrators, or assigns of any such person shall, upon complying with the provisions of this chapter, have the sole liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing, completing, copying, executing, finishing, and vending the same; and in the case of a dramatic composition, of publicly performing or representing it, or causing it to be performed or represented by others; and authors or their assigns shall have exclusive right to dramatize and translate any of their works for which copyright shall have been obtained under the laws of the United States."

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5 right continued for the further term of fourteen years, upon recording the title of the work or description of the article so secured a second time, and complying with all other regulations in regard to original copyrights, within six months before the expiration of the first term; and such persons shall, within two months from the date
10 of said renewal, cause a copy of the record thereof to be published in one or more newspapers printed in the United States for the space of four weeks.”

SEC. 3. That section forty-nine hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so
15 that it shall read as follows:

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20 title of the book, map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, engraving, cut, print, photograph, or chromo, or a description of the painting, drawing, statue, statuary, or a model or design for a work of the fine arts for which he desires a copyright, nor unless he shall also, not
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30 dramatic or musical composition, engraving, chromo, cut, print, or photograph, or in case of a painting, drawing, statue, statuary, model, or design for a work of the fine arts, a photograph of the same: *Provided*, That in the case of a book, photograph, chromo, or lithograph, the two copies of the same required to be delivered or deposited as
35 above shall be printed from type set within the limits of the United States, or from plates made therefrom, or from negatives or drawings on stone made within the limits of the United States, or from transfers made therefrom. During the existence of such copyright the importation into the United States of any book, chromo, litho-
40 graph, or photograph, so copyrighted, or any edition or editions thereof, or any plates of the same not made from type set, negatives, or drawings on stone made within the limits of the United States, shall be, and it is hereby, prohibited, except in the cases specified in paragraphs five hundred and twelve to five hundred and sixteen,
45 inclusive, in section two of the act entitled ‘An act to reduce the *revenue and equalize the duties on imports, and for other purposes,*

approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety; and except in 1
the case of persons purchasing for use and not for sale, who import
subject to the duty thereon, not more than two copies of such book at
any one time; and except in the case of newspapers and magazines,
not containing in whole or in part matter copyrighted under the pro- 5
visions of this act, unauthorized by the author, which are hereby
exempted from prohibition of importation: *Provided, nevertheless,*
That in the case of books in foreign languages, of which only transla-
tions in English are copyrighted the prohibition of importation shall
apply only to the translation of the same, and the importation of the 10
books in the original language shall be permitted."

SEC. 4. That section forty-nine hundred and fifty-eight of the
Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it will
read as follows:

"SEC. 4958. The Librarian of Congress shall receive from the per- 15
sons to whom the services designated are rendered the following fees:

"First. For recording the title or description of any copyright
book or other article, fifty cents.

"Second. For every copy under seal of such record actually given
to the person claiming the copyright, or his assigns, fifty cents. 20

"Third. For recording and certifying any instrument of writing
for the assignment of a copyright, one dollar.

"Fourth. For every copy of an assignment, one dollar.

"All fees so received shall be paid into the Treasury of the United
States: *Provided,* That the charge for recording the title or descrip- 25
tion of any article entered for copyright, the production of a person
not a citizen or resident of the United States, shall be one dollar, to
be paid as above into the Treasury of the United States, to defray the
expenses of lists of copyrighted articles as hereinafter provided for.

"And it is hereby made the duty of the Librarian of Congress to 30
furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury copies of the entries of titles
of all books and other articles wherein the copyright has been com-
pleted by the deposit of two copies of such book printed from type
set within the limits of the United States, in accordance with the pro-
visions of this act and by the deposit of two copies of such other 35
article made or produced in the United States; and the Secretary of
the Treasury is hereby directed to prepare and print, at intervals of
not more than a week, catalogues of such title-entries for distribu-
tion to the collectors of customs of the United States and to the post-
masters of all post-offices receiving foreign mails, and such weekly 40
lists, as they are issued, shall be furnished to all parties desiring them,
at a sum not exceeding five dollars per annum; and the Secretary and
the Postmaster-General are hereby empowered and required to make
and enforce such rules and regulations as shall prevent the importa-
tion into the United States, except upon the conditions above specified, 45
of all articles prohibited by this act."

1 SEC. 5. That section forty-nine hundred and fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 4959. The proprietor of every copyright book or other article
5 shall deliver at the office of the Librarian of Congress, or deposit in the mail, addressed to the Librarian of Congress, at Washington, District of Columbia, a copy of every subsequent edition wherein any substantial changes shall be made: *Provided, however,* That the alterations, revisions, and additions made to books by foreign authors,
10 heretofore published, of which new editions shall appear subsequently to the taking effect of this act, shall be held and deemed capable of being copyrighted as above provided for in this act, unless they form a part of the series in course of publication at the time this act shall take effect.”

15 SEC. 6. That section forty-nine hundred and sixty-three of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 4963. Every person who shall insert or impress such notice, or words of the same import, in or upon any book, map, chart, dra-
20 matic, or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, or other article, for which he has not obtained a copyright, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, recoverable one-half for the person who shall sue for such penalty and one-half to the use of the United States.”

25 SEC. 7. That section forty-nine hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 4964. Every person, who after the recording of the title of any book and the depositing of two copies of such book, as provided
30 by this act, shall, contrary to the provisions of this act, within the term limited, and without the consent of the proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing, signed in presence of two or more witnesses, print, publish, dramatize, translate, or import, or knowing the same to be so printed, published, dramatized, translated, or
35 imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such book, shall forfeit every copy thereof to such proprietor, and shall also forfeit and pay such damages as may be recovered in a civil action by such proprietor in any court of competent jurisdiction.”

SEC. 8. That section forty-nine hundred and sixty-five of the
40 Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to read as follows:

“SEC. 4965. If any person, after the recording of the title of any map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, or chromo, or of the description of any painting, drawing,
45 statue, statuary, or model or design intended to be perfected and executed as a work of the fine arts, as provided by this act, shall within

the term limited, contrary to the provisions of this act, and without
 the consent of the proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing,
 signed in the presence of two or more witnesses, engrave, etch, work,
 copy, print, publish, dramatize, translate, or import, either in whole
 or in part, or by varying the main design with intent to evade the law,
 or knowing the same to be so printed, published, dramatized, trans-
 lated, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such map
 or other article as aforesaid, he shall forfeit to the proprietor all the
 plates on which the same shall be copied and every sheet thereof,
 either copied or printed, and shall further forfeit one dollar for every
 sheet of the same found in his possession, either printing, printed,
 copied, published, imported, or exposed for sale, and in case of a
 painting, statue, or statuary, he shall forfeit ten dollars for every
 copy of the same in his possession, or by him sold or exposed for sale;
 one-half thereof to the proprietor and the other half to the use of the
 United States."

SEC. 9. That section forty-nine hundred and sixty-seven of the
 Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as
 follows:

"SEC. 4967. Every person who shall print or publish any manu-
 script whatever without the consent of the author or proprietor first
 obtained, shall be liable to the author or proprietor for all damages
 occasioned by such injury."

SEC. 10. That section forty-nine hundred and seventy-one of the
 Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 11. That for the purpose of this act each volume of a book in
 two or more volumes, when such volumes are published separately
 and the first one shall not have been issued before this act shall take
 effect, and each number of a periodical shall be considered an inde-
 pendent publication, subject to the form of copyrighting as above.

SEC. 12. That this act shall go into effect on the first day of July,
 anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

SEC. 13. That this act shall only apply to a citizen or subject of a
 foreign state or nation when such foreign state or nation permits to
 citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on
 substantially the same basis as [to] its own citizens; and when such
 foreign state or nation is a party to an international agreement which
 provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, by the terms of
 which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure,
 become a party to such agreement. The existence of either of the
 conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United
 States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this
 act may require.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1889, to March, 1891," Vol. 26. Washington, 1891, pp. 1106-1110.

1 FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT relating to copyrights.

1893,
March 3. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
5 That any author, inventor, designer, or proprietor of any
book, or other article entitled to copyright, who has heretofore failed
to deliver in the office of the Librarian of Congress, or in the mail
addressed to the Librarian of Congress, two complete copies of such
book, or description or photograph of such article, within the time
10 limited by title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes relating
to copyrights, and the acts in amendment thereof, and has complied
with all other provisions thereof, who has, before the first day of
March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-three, delivered at
the office of the Librarian of Congress, or deposited in the mail
15 addressed to the Librarian of Congress, two complete printed copies
of such book, or description, or photograph of such article, shall be
entitled to all the rights and privileges of said title sixty, chapter
three, of the Revised Statutes and the acts in amendment thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1893.

20 In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December,
1891, to March, 1893." Vol. 27, 8vo. Washington, 1893, p. 743.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, CHAPTER 23, SECTION 52.

AN ACT providing for the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents.

25 SEC. 52. The Public Printer shall sell, under such
1895,
Jan. 12. regulations as the Joint Committee on Printing may pre-
scribe, to any person or persons who may apply additional
or duplicate stereotype or electrotype plates from which any Gov-
ernment publication is printed, at a price not to exceed the cost of
30 composition, the metal and making to the Government and ten per
centum added: *Provided*, That the full amount of the price shall be
paid when the order is filed: *And provided further*, That no publica-
tion reprinted from such stereotype or electrotype plates and no other
Government publication shall be copyrighted.

35 Approved, January 12, 1895.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from August, 1893,
to March, 1895." Vol. 28, 8vo. Washington, 1895, p. 608.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, CHAPTER 194.

40 AN ACT to amend section forty-nine hundred and sixty-five, chapter three, title
sixty, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights.

1895,
March 2. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
section forty-nine hundred and sixty-five, chapter three,*

title sixty, of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, 1
amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4965. If any person, after the recording of the title of any map, chart, dramatic or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph, or chromo, or of the description of any painting, 5 drawing, statue, statuary, or model or design intended to be perfected and executed as a work of the fine arts, as provided by this act, shall, within the term limited, contrary to the provisions of this act, and without the consent of the proprietor of the copyright first obtained in writing, signed in presence of two or more witnesses, engrave, etch, 10 work, copy, print, publish, dramatize, translate, or import, either in whole or in part, or by varying the main design, with intent to evade the law, or, knowing the same to be so printed, published, dramatized, translated, or imported, shall sell or expose to sale any copy of such map or other article, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit to the proprietor all 15 the plates on which the same shall be copied, and every sheet thereof, either copied or printed, and shall further forfeit one dollar for every sheet of the same found in his possession, either printing, printed, copied, published, imported, or exposed for sale; and in case of a painting, statue, or statuary, he shall forfeit ten dollars for every 20 copy of the same in his possession, or by him sold or exposed for sale: *Provided, however,* That in case of any such infringement of the copyright of a photograph made from any object not a work of fine arts, the sum to be recovered in any action brought under the provisions of this section shall be not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than 25 five thousand dollars, and: *Provided, further,* That in case of any such infringement of the copyright of a painting, drawing, statue, engraving, etching, print, or model or design for a work of the fine arts or of a photograph of a work of the fine arts, the sum to be recovered in any action brought through the provisions of this section shall be not less 30 than two hundred and fifty dollars, and not more than ten thousand dollars. One-half of all the foregoing penalties shall go to the proprietors of the copyright and the other half to the use of the United States."

Approved, March 2, 1895.

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In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from August, 1883, to March, 1895." Vol. 28, 8vo. Washington, 1895, p. 965.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes relating to copyrights. 40

1897,
Jan. 6. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That* section forty-nine hundred and sixty-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4966. Any person publicly performing or representing any 45

1 dramatic or musical composition for which a copyright has been
 obtained, without the consent of the proprietor of said dramatic
 or musical composition, or his heirs or assigns, shall be liable for
 damages therefor, such damages in all cases to be assessed at such
 5 sum, not less than one hundred dollars for the first and fifty dollars
 for every subsequent performance, as to the court shall appear to be
 just. If the unlawful performance and representation be willful and
 for profit, such person or persons shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,
 and upon conviction be imprisoned for a period not exceeding one
 10 year. Any injunction that may be granted upon hearing after notice
 to the defendant by any circuit court of the United States, or by a
 judge thereof, restraining and enjoining the performance or repre-
 sentation of any such dramatic or musical composition may be served
 on the parties against whom such injunction may be granted anywhere
 15 in the United States, and shall be operative and may be enforced by
 proceedings to punish for contempt or otherwise by any other circuit
 court or judge in the United States; but the defendants in said action,
 or any or either of them, may make a motion in any other circuit in
 which he or they may be engaged in performing or representing said
 20 dramatic or musical composition to dissolve or set aside the said injunc-
 tion upon such reasonable notice to the plaintiff as the circuit court or
 the judge before whom said motion shall be made shall deem proper;
 service of said motion to be made on the plaintiff in person or on his
 attorneys in the action. The circuit courts or judges thereof shall
 25 have jurisdiction to enforce said injunction and to hear and determine
 a motion to dissolve the same, as herein provided, as fully as if the
 action were pending or brought in the circuit in which said motion is
 made."

"The clerk of the court, or judge granting the injunction, shall, when
 30 required to do so by the court hearing the application to dissolve or
 enforce said injunction, transmit without delay to said court a certified
 copy of all the papers on which the said injunction was granted that
 are on file in his office."

Approved, January 6, 1897.

35 In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December,
 1895, to March, 1897." Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, pp. 481-482.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 265.—COPY-
 RIGHT DEPARTMENT.

AN ACT making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses
 40 of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and
 ninety-eight, and for other purposes.

COPYRIGHT DEPARTMENT: For the following, under the
 1897,
 Feb. 19. direction of the Librarian of Congress, necessary for the
 execution of the copyright law, namely: Register of copy-
 45 rights, three thousand dollars, who shall, on and after July first,

eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, under the direction and supervision 1
of the Librarian of Congress, perform all the duties relating to copy-
rights, and shall make weekly deposits with the Secretary of the
Treasury, and make monthly reports to the Secretary of the Treasury
and to the Librarian of Congress, and shall, on and after July first, 5
eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, give bond to the Librarian of
Congress in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with approved sure-
ties, for the faithful discharge of his duties; two clerks, at one thousand
eight hundred dollars each; two clerks, at one thousand six hundred
dollars each; three clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; 10
ten clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; ten clerks, at
nine hundred dollars each; two clerks, at seven hundred and twenty
dollars each; in all, thirty-six thousand four hundred and forty dollars.

Approved, February 19, 1897.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 15
1895, to March, 1897." Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, p. 545.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 392.

AN ACT to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes, relating to
copyrights.

1897, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives* 20
March 3. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

That section forty-nine hundred and sixty-three of the
Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby,
amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4963. Every person who shall insert or impress such notice, 25
or words of the same import, in or upon any book, map, chart, dra-
matic or musical composition, print, cut, engraving, or photograph,
or other article, whether such article be subject to copyright or other-
wise, for which he has not obtained a copyright, or shall knowingly
issue or sell any article bearing a notice of United States copyright 30
which has not been copyrighted in this country; or shall import any
book, photograph, chromo, or lithograph or other article bearing
such notice of copyright or words of the same purport, which is not
copyrighted in this country, shall be liable to a penalty of one hun-
dred dollars, recoverable one-half for the person who shall sue for 35
such penalty and one-half to the use of the United States; and the
importation into the United States of any book, chromo, lithograph,
or photograph, or other article bearing such notice of copyright, when
there is no existing copyright thereon in the United States, is prohib-
ited; and the circuit courts of the United States sitting in equity are 40
hereby authorized to enjoin the issuing, publishing, or selling of any
article marked or imported in violation of the United States copyright
laws, at the suit of any person complaining of such violation:
Provided, That this act shall not apply to any importation of or sale

1 of such goods or articles brought into the United States prior to the passage thereof."

SEC. 2. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the foregoing provision be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

5 Approved, March 3, 1897.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1895, to March, 1897." Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, pp. 694-695.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 70.—[COPYRIGHT OFFICE.]

10 AN ACT making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, and for other purposes.

Copyright office, under the direction of the Librarian
 15 1900, of Congress: Register of copyrights, three thousand dol-
 April 17. lars; four clerks, at one thousand eight hundred dollars
 each; four clerks, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; two
 clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; nine clerks, at one
 thousand two hundred dollars each; three clerks, at one thousand dol-
 lars each; eight clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; seven clerks, at
 20 seven hundred and twenty dollars each; one clerk, six hundred dol-
 lars; one messenger boy, three hundred and sixty dollars. Arrears,
 special service: Three clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars
 each; one porter, seven hundred and twenty dollars; one messenger
 boy, three hundred and sixty dollars; in all, fifty-one thousand and
 25 eighty dollars.

Approved, April 17, 1900.

V.

PRIVATE ACTS RELATING TO COPYRIGHT PASSED BY THE CON-
 GRESS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1828-1900.

30 TWENTIETH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to continue a copy-right to John Rowlett.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
 1828, of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 May 24. That a copy-right be continued and granted, and the same
 35 is hereby continued and granted to John Rowlett, for a book, entitled
 "Rowlett's Tables of Discount or Interest," for the term of fourteen
 years from the passage of this act, with all the rights and privi-
 leges, and the same remedies against any person who shall interfere
 with his right, as are provided by existing laws in relation to copy-
 40 rights: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for any person or persons
 who may heretofore have published copies of said book, or of parts
 thereof, to sell such as may have been heretofore published: *And*

provided further, That the said John Rowlett, shall, within two months 1
of the passage of this act, deposit in the office of the district clerk of
the eastern district of Pennsylvania, a copy of the title of his book,
with the additions as now printed, to be recorded, and shall cause a
copy of the said record to be advertised, once a week, for four weeks 5
in succession, in one or more newspapers printed in the United States,
and to be inserted on the back of the title-page of the books now
printed, and shall, within six months, deposit a copy of said book in
the office of the Secretary of State.

Approved, May 24, 1828.

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In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard
Peters." Vol. 6, 8vo. Boston, 1846, pp. 389-390.

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT, to amend "An Act to continue a copyright of [sic] John Rowlett." 15

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
1830,
February 11. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

That notwithstanding any thing contained in the last pro-
viso of the "Act to continue a copyright to John Rowlett," approved
the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and 20
twenty-eight, only such of the printed books, entitled Rowlett's Tables
of Discount or Interest, as were in the possession of the said John
Rowlett, at the time of the passage of the said act, are, or shall be,
required to contain on the back of the title-page of each, a copy of
the record of the title of the book in the office of the clerk of the 25
district court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Approved, February 11, 1830.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard
Peters." Vol. 6, 8vo. Boston, 1846, p. 403.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT supplemental to the act of the twenty-fourth May, one thousand eight
hundred and twenty-eight, to continue a copyright to John Rowlett.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
1843,
March 3. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* 35

That the copyright of John Rowlett, of Philadelphia, as
author of a useful book, called Rowlett's Tables of Discount and
Interest, the title whereof was deposited, on the fourth day of Feb-
ruary, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and two, in the office of the
clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of 40
Pennsylvania, which copyright was continued by act of Congress
dated the twenty-fourth of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred
and twenty-eight, be, and the said copyright of John Rowlett is hereby,

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1 prolonged and continued forward during the term of fourteen years,
to begin from and at the fourth of February, A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and forty-four, with all rights, remedies, and privileges,
conferred by copyright by any law of the United States, including all
5 improvements and enlargements of the said book thereto made, at any
till the present time, by the said John Rowlett: *Provided*, That within
two months next after the passage of this act he shall in all things
comply with the provisions of the laws concerning copyrights, as to
recording, publishing, depositing, and otherwise manifesting his said
10 copyright, in his original work, and all subsequent improvements and
enlargements, or other changes thereof whatever.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

In "The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from the
Organization of the Government in 1789, to March 3, 1845. Edited by Richard
15 Peters." Vol. 6, 8vo. Boston, 1846, p. 897.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 534.

AN ACT for the relief of William Tod Helmuth, of New York.

Whereas, William Tod Helmuth, doctor of medicine, of
1874, the city of New York, has composed and is the author of a
June 23. book entitled "A System of Surgery, by William Tod
20 Helmuth, M. D.," in the entering of the title of which book with the
Librarian of Congress at Washington, on or about the twenty-second
day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, an imperfect copy
of the title thereof was deposited, and the act relating to copyrights
25 has been otherwise not complied with, but without any improper intent,
on the part of said William Tod Helmuth, doctor of medicine: There-
fore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled*, That said William
30 Tod Helmuth, doctor of medicine, the author of the book entitled
"A System of Surgery, by William Tod Helmuth, M. D." may,
within ninety days from the passage of this act, enter an amended and
corrected title of said book, and deposit two copies of said book with
the Librarian of Congress at Washington, who is hereby directed to
35 receive the same; and that upon complying with this law, the right
of said William Tod Helmuth, doctor of medicine, to his said book,
and to the copyright thereof, shall be the same in all respects as
though all the requirements of the copyright laws of the United States
had been duly complied with when said imperfect title was first
40 recorded with the Librarian of Congress in eighteen hundred and
seventy-two, and when said book was first published. And it shall
not be necessary for said William Tod Helmuth, doctor of medicine,
to insert in the copies of such book any other or further notice of

copyright thereto than would have been required had the copyright 1
laws been originally duly complied with.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States, from December, 1873, to
March, 1875." Vol. 18, part 3, 8vo. Washington, 1875, p. 618. 5

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 29.

AN ACT for the relief of Judson Jones.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
1898,
February 17. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
That the copyright of Judson Jones, a citizen of the 10
United States residing in the State of Minnesota, in and to a book
entitled "The Alphabet of Orthoepy," originally published in eighteen
hundred and seventy, is hereby declared valid to all intents and pur-
poses, and the said Judson Jones, author of said book, is hereby author-
ized to file with the Librarian of Congress the title thereof as it appears 15
in the printed book aforesaid, and such filing is hereby made and
declared a valid filing if made at any time within ninety days after the
passage of this act, and the extension of copyright obtained thereon for
the fourteen years following the said eleventh day of January, eighteen
hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby declared a valid copyright. 20

Approved, February 17, 1898.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from March, 1897,
to March, 1898." Vol. 30, 8vo. Washington, 1899, p. 1396.

VI.

PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT, EXTENDING COPYRIGHT 25
TO CITIZENS OF CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES: 1891-1899.

BELGIUM, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND HER POSSESSIONS, AND
SWITZERLAND.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

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Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of
1891,
July 1. Congress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend
title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the
United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply
to a citizen or a subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign 35
state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the
benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright,
by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, 40
at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement:"

- 1 And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require:"
- 5 And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in Belgium, France, Great Britain and the British possessions, and Switzerland, the law permits to citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to the citizens of those countries:
- 10 Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, is now fulfilled in respect to the citizens or subjects of Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Switzerland.
- 15 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

20 Done at the city of Washington, this first day of July,
 one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the
 [SEAL.] independence of the United States the one hundred and
 fifteenth.

BENJ. HARRISON.

By the President:

WILLIAM F. WHARTON,

Acting Secretary of State.

- 25 In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1891, to March, 1893." Vol. 27, 8vo. Washington, 1893, pp. 981-982.

GERMANY.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

- 30 1892, Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Con-
 April 15. gress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title
 sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United
 States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a
 citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state
 35 or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the
 benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
 or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
 agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright,
 by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may,
 40 at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement";

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require";

And whereas, in virtue of said section 13 of the aforesaid act of 1
Congress, a copyright agreement was signed at Washington, on Jan-
uary 15, 1892, in the English and German languages, by the repre-
sentatives of the United States of America and the German Empire,
a true copy of the English version of which agreement is word for 5
word as follows:

The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the
German Emperor, King of Prussia, in the name of the German Empire,
being actuated by the desire to extend to their subjects and citizens
the full benefit of the legal provisions in force in both countries in 10
regard to copyright, have, to this end, decided to conclude an agree-
ment, and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America, James G. Blaine,
Secretary of State of the United States;

His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, Alfons Mumm 15
von Schwarzenstein, his chargé d'affaires near the Government of the
United States of America, who, being duly authorized, have concluded
the following agreement, subject to due ratification:

ARTICLE I.

Citizens of the United States of America shall enjoy, in the German 20
Empire, the protection of copyright as regards works of literature and
art, as well as photographs, against illegal reproduction, on the same
basis on which such protection is granted to subjects of the Empire.

ARTICLE II.

The United States Government engages, in return, that the Presi- 25
dent of the United States shall, in pursuance of section 13 of the act
of Congress of March 3, 1891, issue the proclamation therein provided
for in regard to the extension of the provisions of that act to German
subjects as soon as the Secretary of State shall have been officially noti-
fied that the present agreement has received the necessary legislative 30
sanction in the German Empire.

ARTICLE III.

This agreement shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be
exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

The agreement shall go into operation at the expiration of three 35
weeks from the date of the exchange of its ratifications, and shall be
applicable only to works not published at the time when it shall have
gone into operation. It shall remain in force until the expiration of
three months from the day on which notice of a desire for the cessation
of its effects shall have been given by one of the contracting parties. 40

Done in duplicate, in the English and German languages, at the city
of Washington, this 15th day of January, 1892.

JAMES G. BLAINE. [SEAL.]
A. V. MUMM. [SEAL.]

1 And whereas the official notification contemplated by Article II of the said agreement has been received by this Government;

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions 5 specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, is now fulfilled in respect to the subjects of the German Empire.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

10 Done at the city of Washington, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and of the [SEAL.] Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

BENJ. HARRISON.

By the President:

15 JAMES G. BLAINE.

Secretary of State.

In "Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1891, to March, 1893." Vol. 27, 8vo. Washington, 1893, pp. 1021-1022.

ITALY.

20 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Con-
1892, gress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title
October 31. sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the
25 United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens; or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
30 agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement:"

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the Presi-
35 dent of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require:"

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in Italy the law permits to citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as the subjects of Italy:

40 Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is fulfilled in respect to the subjects of Italy.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
45 seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirty-first day of 1
 October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and
 [SEAL.] of the Independence of the United States the one hundred
 and seventeenth.

BENJ. HARRISON. 5

By the President:

JOHN W. FOSTER,

Secretary of State.

In "Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1891,
 to March, 1893." Vol. 27, 8vo. Washington, 1893, p. 1043. 10

DENMARK.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Con-
 1893, gress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title 15
 May 8. sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the
 United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply
 to a citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign
 state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America
 the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citi- 20
 zens; or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
 agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright,
 by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may,
 at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement:"

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence 25
 of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the Presi-
 dent of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as
 the purposes of this act may require:"

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in
 Denmark the law permits to citizens of the United States the benefit of 30
 copyright on substantially the same basis as to the subjects of Denmark:

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States
 of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions
 specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is
 fulfilled in respect to the subjects of Denmark. 35

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
 seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this eighth day of May,
 one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and of the
 [SEAL.] independence of the United States the one hundred and 40
 seventeenth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

W. Q. GRESHAM,

Secretary of State.

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In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from August, 1893,
 to March, 1895." Vol. 28, 8vo. Washington, 1895, p. 1219.

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PORTUGAL.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights", that said act "shall only apply to a citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to its own citizens; or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement";

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require";

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in Portugal the law permits to citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to the subjects of Portugal:

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is fulfilled in respect to the subjects of Portugal.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this twentieth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and eighteenth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

W. Q. GRESHAM,
Secretary of State.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from August, 1893, to March, 1895." Vol. 28, 8vo. Washington, 1895, p. 1222.

SPAIN.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a

citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state 1
or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the
benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copy- 5
right, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America
may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement;”

And whereas it is also provided by said section that “the existence
of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the Presi-
dent of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as 10
the purposes of this act may require;”

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in
Spain and her provinces and colonial possessions the law permits to
citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially
the same basis as to the subjects of Spain: 15

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States
of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions
specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is
fulfilled in respect to the subjects of Spain.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the 20
seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this tenth day of July,
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and of the
[SEAL.] independence of the United States the one hundred and
twentieth. 25

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

ALVEY A. ADEE,

Acting Secretary of State.

In “The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 30
1895, to March, 1897.” Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, p. 871.

MEXICO.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Con- 35
1896, gress of March 3, 1891, entitled “An act to amend title
February 27. sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United
States, relating to copyrights,” that said act “shall only apply to a
citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign
state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the 40
benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright,
by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may,
at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement;” 45

1 And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require;"

5 And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in the United States of Mexico the law permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to the citizens of that Republic:

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States
10 of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is fulfilled in respect to the citizens of the United States of Mexico.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

15 Done at the city of Washington this twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six,
[SEAL.] and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

20 By the President:

RICHARD OLNEY,
Secretary of State.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December, 1895, to March, 1897." Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, p. 877.

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CHILE.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title
1896,
May 25. 30 sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
35 or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement;"

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence
40 of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this act may require;"

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in the Republic of Chile the law permits to citizens of the United States

of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as 1
to the citizens of that Republic:

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States
of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions
specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is 5
fulfilled in respect to the citizens of the Republic of Chile.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twenty-fifth day of
[SEAL.] May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and 10
of the independence of the United States the one hundred
and twentieth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

RICHARD OLNEY,

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Secretary of State.

In "The Statutes at Large of the United States of America, from December,
1895, to March, 1897." Vol. 29, 8vo. Washington, 1897, p. 880.

COSTA RICA.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Con-
1899, gress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title
October 19. sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United
States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a 25
citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state
or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the
benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens;
or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international
agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, 30
by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may,
at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement;"

And whereas it is also provided by said section that "the existence
of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the Presi-
dent of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as 35
the purposes of this act may require;"

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that
in the Republic of Costa Rica the law permits to citizens of the United
States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same
basis as to the citizens of that Republic: 40

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States
of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions
specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is
fulfilled in respect to the citizens of the Republic of Costa Rica.

1 In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

5 [SEAL.] Done at the city of Washington, this nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fourth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

By the President:

10 JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND) AND POSSESSIONS.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

15 1899, November 20. Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, entitled "An act to amend title sixty, chapter three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to copyrights," that said act "shall only apply to a citizen or subject of a foreign state or nation when such foreign state or nation permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as its own citizens; or when such foreign state or nation is a party to an international agreement which provides for reciprocity in the granting of copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement;" and

25 Whereas, it is also provided by said section that "the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time, as the purposes of this act may require;" and

30 Whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and in the Netherlands' possessions the law permits to citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to subjects of the Netherlands:

35 Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, now exists and is fulfilled in respect to the subjects of the Netherlands.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

40 Done at the city of Washington, this twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fourth.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

45 By the President:

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

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